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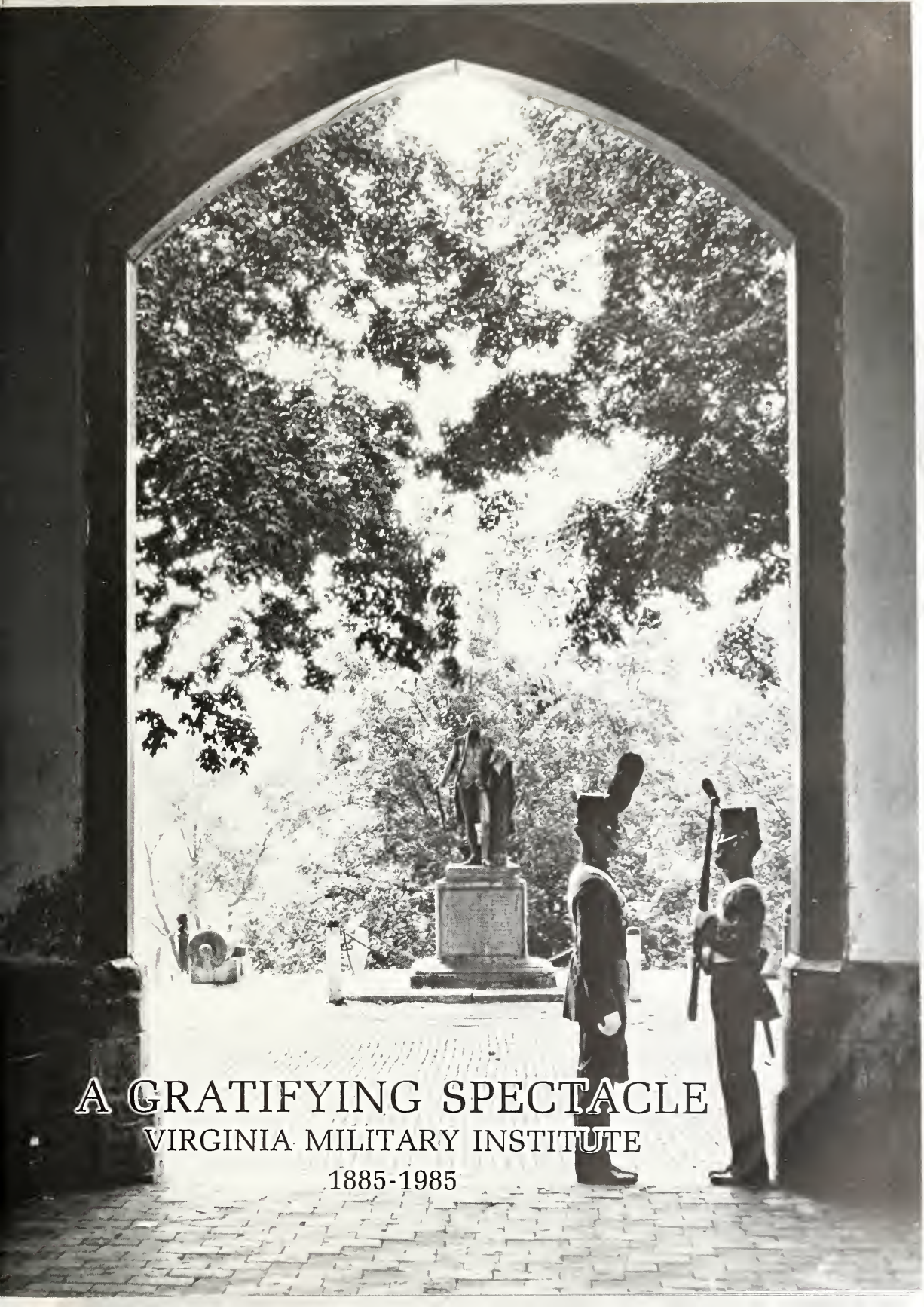


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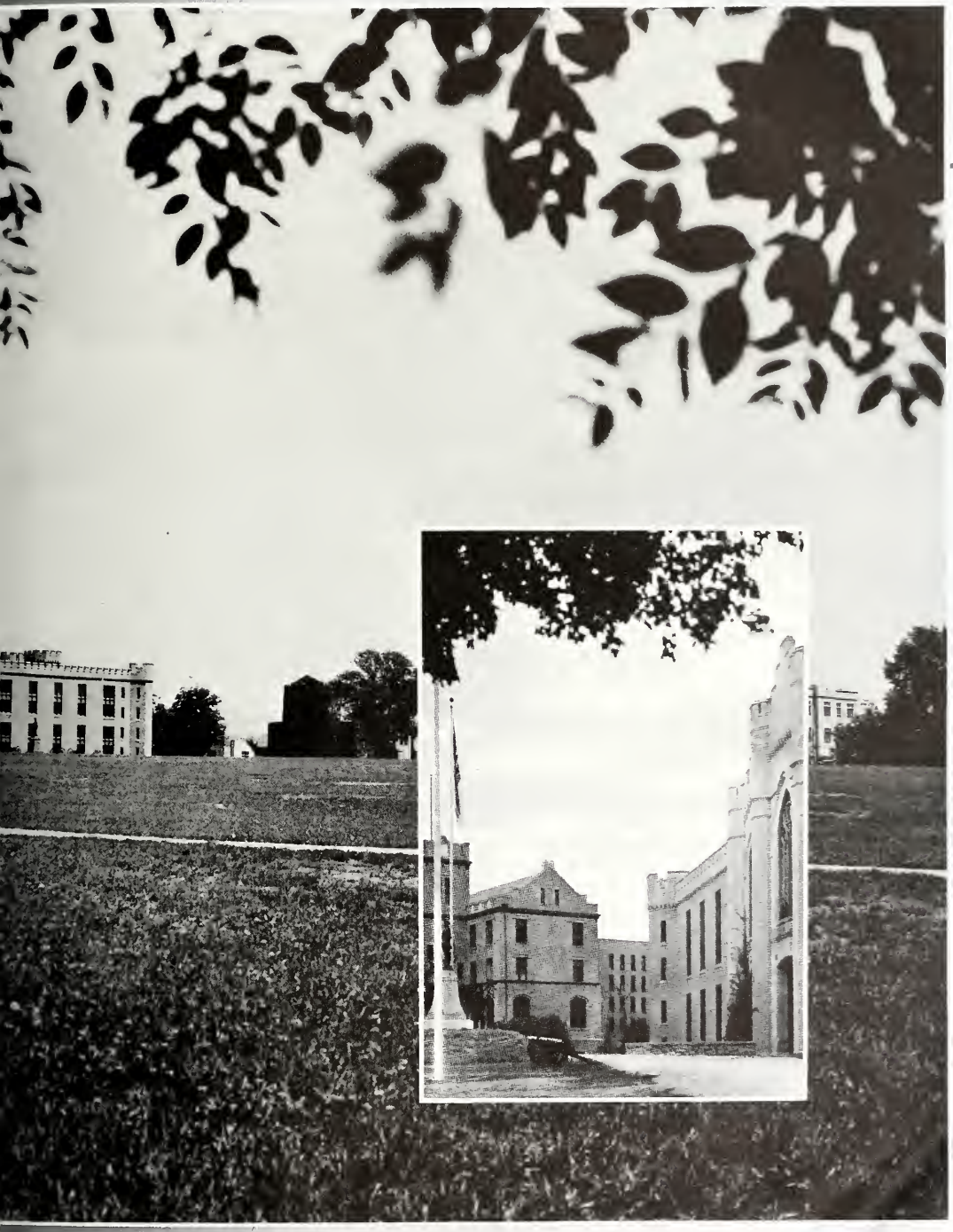
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ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CHANGE?

Has the Institute really changed? For more years than not, cadets have met each change with the belief that the corps has been thrown into the path of destruction. The year of 1985 is no different. In the midst of the changes taking place at the Institute, 1985 also marks the centennial anniversary of the VMI BOMB. As one learns from his rat bible, the BOMB is the oldest college annual in the South. In its 100 year history, the BOMB has chronicled the special events and activities of the Corps.



Looking almost the same today as it did in 1930, Jackson Arch has long been the focal point of the barracks.



erlooking the VMI parade ground as it has nce the 1850's, the VMI barracks is probably e most distinctive building on post.

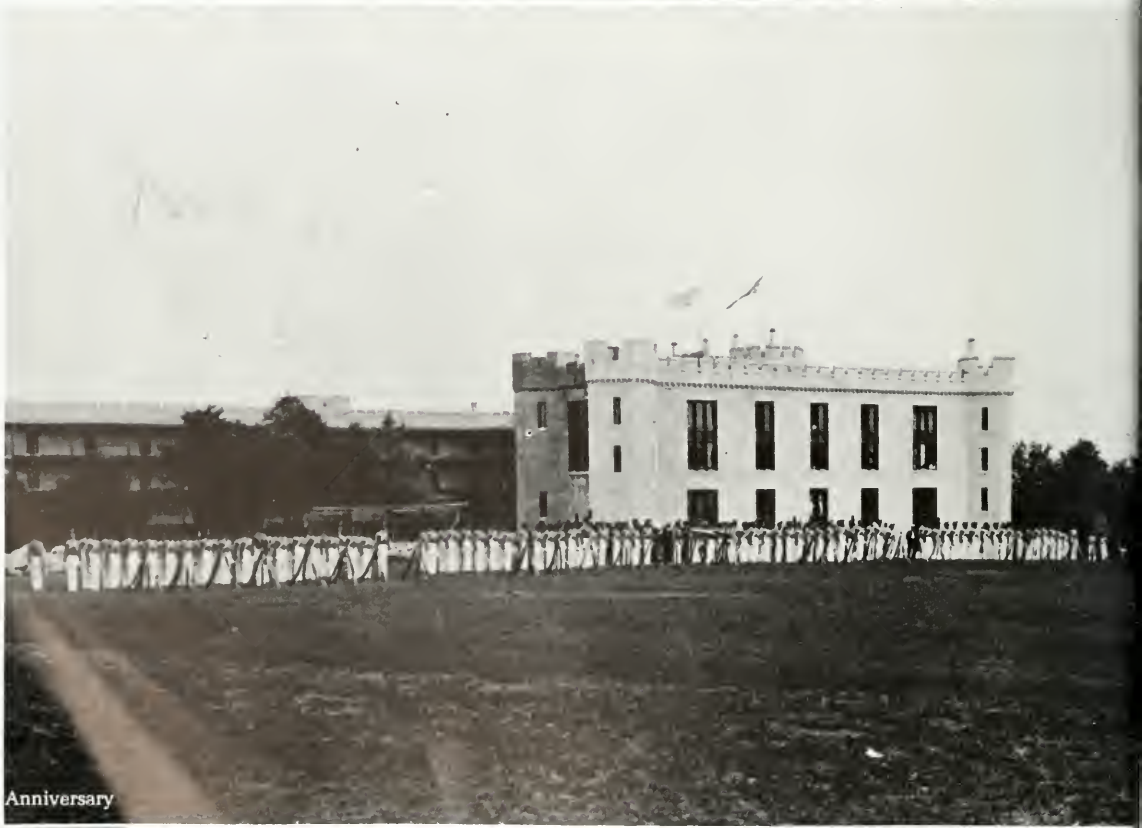
Neighboring barracks until it was raised in 1948, the 1907 library was destroyed in order to make room for the new barracks.

Like every other part of barracks, Jackson Arch has been renovated to accommodate the Corps' space requirements.

For almost as long as there has been stoops airing the hays has been a part of the VMI routine.

Before the addition of a fourth side in the 1920's, the "old courtyard" was not enclosed.







Beyond noteworthy happenings, however, a remarkable fact becomes clear. Despite differences in content and design, each volume of the BOMB expresses the same basic emotions about life at VMI. It is obvious that the scope and aims of the Institute have not changed in the 145 year history of the Institute. It is this attention to tradition that makes VMI atypical among American colleges and universities.

New barracks, built in 1949, follows and enhances the lines of the original building.

Passing through limits gates, barracks has always been an impressive sight to visitors and cadets alike.





Despite the changes that the Institute experiences as times and styles change, the fundamental ideals and experiences are shared by all cadets, no matter when they attended the Institute. The "VMI experience" has not changed even if the context has. The present-day Corps is being trained with the same mission in mind that established VMI back in 1839, that is, education is necessary if an individual is to be a productive member of society in peacetime and an effective leader in times of trouble.



While the name has changed, "finning out" does not differ much from the practice of "straining" practiced by modern-day cadets.

Following the traditions of the Institute, Rats are motivated while an upperclassman searches for confiscatable articles.







Serving as a human wall locker, a new cadet of the 1920's makes himself useful to an upperclassman.



New cadets of the early 1900's matriculate at the Institute.



Following the traditions that characterize the event, the class of 1956 enjoys its Ring Figure in the fall of 1954

Before Cocke Hall was built, hops were held in the Old J.M. Hall.



Facilities change, instructors come and go, the Corps itself does not remain the same, but VMI remains constant. As long as VMI remains, the memory of all those who have ever entered her arches will also remain. This memory guides all that come after. There is hardly anything at VMI that has not been done thousands of times before, leaving a mark in its wake. Formations, ceremonies, and honor all have their roots firmly planted in the past, a standard for the future. There is no place that tradition and custom show themselves more than in the BOMB.



The Roller sisters and friends visit with VMI cadets in 1892.

Cadets and their dates out for a Sunday stroll in the spring of 1908.

Jackson statue has long been the meeting place for cadets and their dates.



Before the advent of Christmas Furlough in the 1920's, cadets celebrated the holiday the best they could.



From the past editions of the BOMB, however, one is able to see a constant attitude and reaction by the corps concerning what is happening at VMI. The BOMB represents more than just a review of the past year. It becomes a guidebook that enables an alumnus to lead his children into his past and experience, at least through words and pictures, what he has undergone in other times.

A cadet of the 1950's studies in an environment almost identical to that of the modern day corps.





"Familiar scenes" from the 1911 BOMB reflect daily life at VMI during the early twentieth century.

A room of the 1920's is ready for inspection.





pite extensive renovation, the basic
ponents of a cadet's room have not
nged.



Cadets of the 1950's enjoy the winter weather in a way unique to VMI.

Located in the present band room, the PX of the 1940 and 1950's offered cadets the same services that are still enjoyed at VMI.







Two cadets of the early 1900's suggest what might happen if an [illegible] is pressed too far.

The BOMB is more than just a book of today, it also becomes a book of the past, meaning something different to each person who reads it.

The first volume of the BOMB appeared in 1885. The name came about in an interesting way, the first BOMB staff was sitting around a room in barracks trying to name their publication when someone yelled "bomb in the courtyard." The annual suddenly had it's name. This first book could hardly have been called a success. In fact, the editor wrote a bitter editorial charging that the faculty and administration went out of their way to impede the staff from producing the book. Whatever the case, the next BOMB was not published until 1895.





A group of cadets enjoy a sleigh ride through the Virginia countryside of the 1890's.

A common emotion at VMI, this cadet longs for home.



Interestingly enough, the growth of the BOMB parallels that of the Institute itself, both were rapidly expanding during this time. It was also during this time that legendary alumni such as General George C. Marshall (1901) and General George S. Patton (1907) were in attendance at the Institute.



These cadets enjoy a Saturday evening playing cards in their room.

Two cadets of the 1920's practice their fencing skills in the old courtyard.



As always, a cadets closest companions are his roommates.

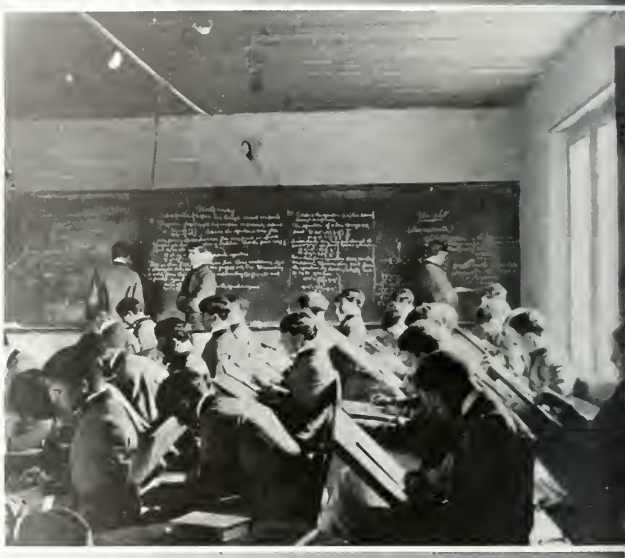




Cadets of the 1920's, including Henry Wise '27, the noted VMI historian.

A group of cadets pose during a Sunday outing along the Chessie railroad tracks.





This math class of the 1890's was taught by work on the blackboard, not paper.

Sections form up and march to the first Smith Hall, VMI's first academic building.





Except for occasional mutinous incidents by one class or another, this period was one of relative peace at the Institute. The now familiar VMI monogram made its appearance in 1901 and red, white and yellow (representing artillery, infantry, and cavalry) replaced black and white as the VMI colors.

In a scene familiar to today's Corps, a cadet of the 1950's attempts to study in his room.

This cadet of the early 1900's studies in a way still practiced by cadets today.





Early in the century, the BOMB started taking on a new look as well. Instead of the former method of simply publishing lists of the members of various organizations along with formal poses, candid photographs were introduced.

Since the 1920's, when this cadet posed while acting as Corporal of the Guard, the ammunition belt has changed in appearance if not in function.

Cadets of the 1890's, dressed in a variety of uniforms, demonstrate the fact that a VMI cadet has many different modes of dress depending on weather, occasion, and time of day.



though the style of the garrison cap changed, the VMI crest is still worn dly by cadets today.





While the changing of the guard has stayed the same, the shako of the 1910 Corps shows much more character than that of the present day Corps'.

The introduction of class dyke made classes more comfortable if not more enjoyable.

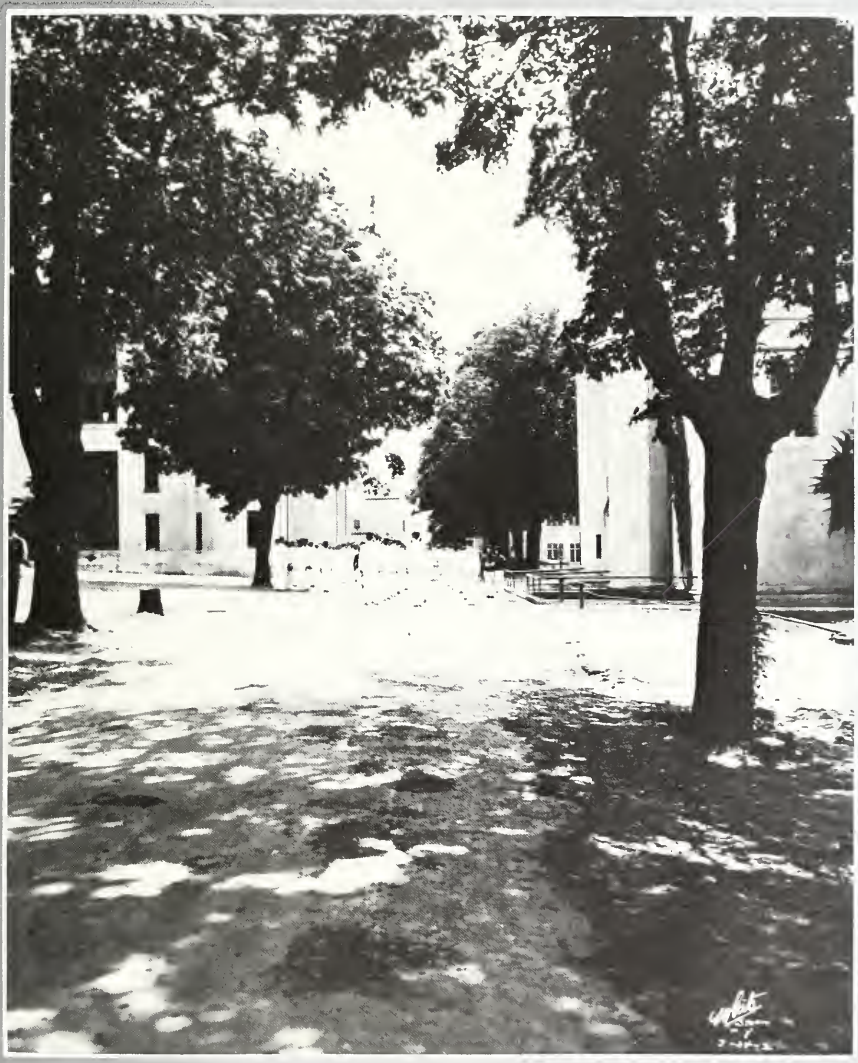




Carrying on the tradition since 1839, cadets have guarded the Institute for 145 years.

After World War I and into the early 1920's, VMI underwent what has probably been its most profound building program. Alumni Memorial Field, Cocke Hall, and Jackson Memorial Hall were all part of this program. It was also during this period that the ROTC program was established, formalizing the military aspect of life at VMI. Thanks to General Pershing, 1920 saw the initiation of a Christmas Furlough for the Corps. A new innovation at VMI.





Until recently, marching to class was a common sight along the avenues of VMI.

Although the format has changed since the 1940's, the Friday afternoon parade is still part of life at the Institute

Spectators watch on as the Corps is inspected during an MEI of the 1950's.

Marching to meals has been part of life at VMI since the Institute was founded in 1839.





The BOMB's of the late twenties reflect the fact that VMI was also caught up in the trends that revolutionized the nation, changing life at VMI as well. Copy from this era reflects the care-free attitude that had influenced America. Even at VMI, the "Roaring Twenties" weren't exactly quiet. Whatever the case, with the 1930's came more change at VMI.





Arriving in ranks with seconds to spare was as much of a common practice in 1890 as it is today.

In 1958, cadets were involved in a new training schedule in order to improve the physical condition of the Corps.

For many years, field exercises were part of the standard conditioning program.



Much of this change is attributed to the introduction of General John A. Lejeune, former Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, who replaced General William H. Cocke as Superintendant in 1929. Despite the depression, the 1931-32 academic year saw the largest enrollment up to that time.



Then as now, push-ups have long been one of the most common forms of exercise at VMI.



The Lejeune years also saw the construction of Nichols Engineering Hall, Crozet Hall, and the renovation of the post's facilities. All these projects were the result of funds available through the New Deal programs of the depression era.

The broadway premiere of BROTHER RAT, and its subsequent screenplay did much to make VMI known throughout the United States and beyond. Starring in the film were Eddie Albert, Jane Wyman, and none other than Ronald Reagan, future President of the United States.



An aerial view of the 1930's shows how VMI looked prior to the rapid expansion of the institute following World War II.





Although used for other purposes now, the stables once were an important part of the Institute.

Looking much as it does today, the Superintendent's porch in the 1920's reflect the stability of the VMI community.

Explaining the tradition of the guard tree to his son, this alumnus and his son stand by the guard tree monument, dedicated in the 1950's.





Removing an Institute landmark, workmen prepare to remove the last section of the tree's trunk.

Overlooking the parade ground as it did for so many years, the guard tree as it looked in the 1920's.



The Lejeune years had revolutionized the VMI system. At the same time, the Corps seems to have respected and admired General Lejeune as a man. In fact, the Class of 1933 made him an honorary member of their class. At ring figure, General Lejeune started a new tradition by kissing his wife as he presented him with his ring. A tradition that has lived on. Even when he left, General Lejeune broke precedent by initiating a joint change of command ceremony. It was no time to ponder these changes, however. By this time it was clear that war was coming.

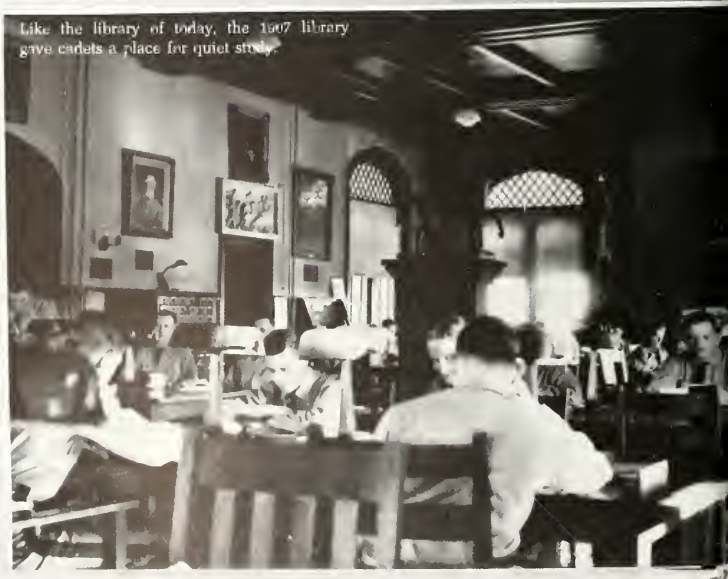
Even the VMI centennial celebration of 1939 was overshadowed by the war that was beginning in Europe. President Roosevelt, who had planned to come down for the celebration was forced to cancel his visit due to the invasion of Poland by Germany earlier in the Fall. He did, however, speak to the Corps by radio from Washington stressing the concept of the Citizen-Soldier being ready to help his nation in times of trouble. Despite the problems, the centennial was a success by all accounts. Two thousand guests were seated on the parade ground as Governor of the Commonwealth Price dedicated Preston Library. Though few may have realized it at the time, most everyone sensed that America would soon be at war and with it would be VMI.



Located in barracks, the first library was located in rooms above Jackson Arch.



Until [illegible] was made available in 1969, the VMI [illegible]seum was located in Preston Libr[illegible]where it had been since 1939.



Like the library of today, the 1907 library gave cadets a place for quiet stu[illegible]



A Victorian structure in the midst of Gothic VMI, the 1907 library stood out among the buildings on post.

The interior of the 1907 library reflects a much more formal appearance than the library of today.







A tribute to the alumni who have died. M
morial Garden has graced the Institute sin
1924.



Built with Federal funds paid to the Institute as renumeration for the damage done during Hunter's Raid, Jackson Memorial Hall as it looked during the 1920's.



ocke Hall as it looked before the fire that utted the building in the 1930's.

The centennial was really the last celebration of VMI's peacetime role for many years to come. With the war, VMI drastically changed. More and more cadets were called to arms, faculty and staff with reserve commissions were called to active duty, and the Army set up training programs using the Institute's facilities. The Corps itself was reduced to about 250 cadets. The Institute had to fight in order to keep its identity during the disruption in routine that the war necessitated. It is a credit to all that were cadets at this time that the traditions were maintained.

Needless to say, the BOMB was adversely affected by these changes. In May of 1943, the BOMB published its regular volume and also produced a "WAR BOMB," dedicated to the class of 1944, most of whom were inducted into the Army that year. After this last gesture towards normalcy, the BOMB did not publish again until 1947, the first normal academic year following the war.



Workers clear away ruins from the first Crozet Hall, destroyed by fire in the 1930's.

Cadets enjoy a meal in VMI's 1907 mess hall, built after a fire destroyed the 1868 mess hall.





Located at the same spot as five others, the 1907 mess hall was the first brick mess hall at the Institute.

Much lighter and more pleasant than the 1907 mess hall, the first Crozet Hall reflects the growth in size of the Corps.





he present Crozet Hall has served the
orps since 1935.

Although engineering training is not the same as it was in the 20's, VMI has long been dedicated to providing the hands on experience necessary to quality education.

Despite the fact that 20 years have gone by, this classroom scene illustrates that academics at VMI have remained the same.

Practicing tactics on the bayonet course, cadets participate in the pre-cursor to military science lab.









With the coming of peace, VMI again returned to a more normal routine. Except for slight disruptions during the post-war period when the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam cast shadows over the Institute, VMI has kept a fairly constant course. This period also saw growth in the size of the facilities as well as the Corps. Furthermore, the ROTC program expanded to include the Air Force ROTC in 1946 and the Navy ROTC in 1974. For the first time ever, VMI was not strictly an Army school.

As it was in the 1960's, labwork has always been an integral part of the VMI educational system.



Although now a part of the past, the Spring FTX used to be an annual event at VMI.

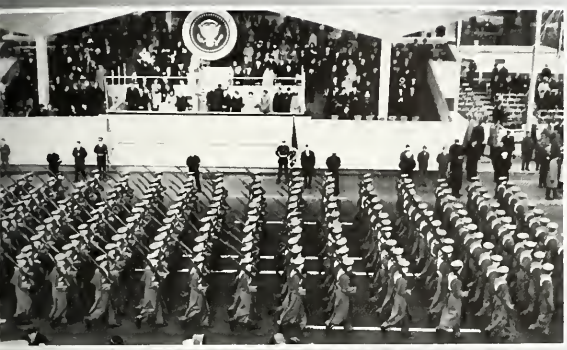


The Corps marches for the 1954 inauguration of Governor Stanley, as it has for almost every governor in recent history.

The increase in size necessitated the expansion of barracks. The result, "new barracks" was formally dedicated on May 15, 1951 with Marshall Day. George C. Marshall was presented with the Commonwealth's Distinguished Service medal by the Governor. A fitting tribute to the Institute's most prominent graduate.

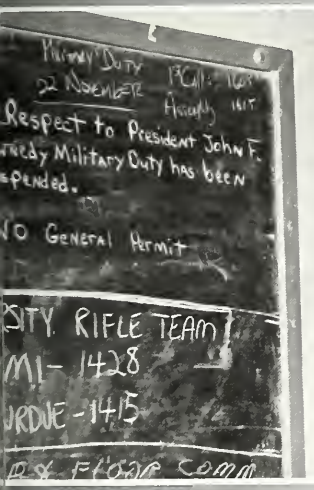
The Corps, contending with snow and slush, march in the 1909 inauguration of President Taft.





The Corps executes an "eyes right" as it passes the presidential box during the 1969 inauguration of Richard M. Nixon.

The notice board has always been used as a means of informing the corps of important events.





Passing the White House grounds, the Corps prepares to honor President Eisenhower during his 1953 inauguration.





Using the field house for their performances, the National Symphonic Orchestra came to VMI annually for many years as part of the Rockbridge Concert Series.

Graduation for the Class of 1963, as well as for many other classes was held in Cocke Hall.







Under the Shell administration of the 1960's, a comprehensive building plan which is still in effect today, was developed. In 1966, Lejuene Hall was built, fulfilling the dream of having a facility for cadet activities. It was also during the Shell years that Moody Hall, Smith Hall, and the Marshall Library were built. Following a gift by George R. Collins '11 the New Market Battlefield Park was established in 1967.



The Class of 1940, as well as Alumni from all over the world, celebrate at the Centennial Ball held in November, 1939.

The BOMB also changed during this period as times changed and much more attention was paid to layout and design. The BOMBs of the post-war era also start questioning the very ideals on which VMI was founded. It is fortunate, therefore, that the BOMBs of the 1970's and 1980's reflect that the Corps, despite the complaints that are common, has re-discovered the values set forth in 1839.

As this permit from 1919 reflects, the VMI hops have always been a special part of life at VMI and a time for the Corps to relax from the daily pressures of life at the Institute.

Conscious of his contributions to the Institute, the Corps honors Sir Moses Ezekiel at his memorial service held at Arlington National Cemetery.

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LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA.

Feb. 14th 1919

FROM [illegible] Corporal, Third Class.
TO The Superintendant (Thru Military Channels)
SUBJECT Posponment of confinements.

1. Permission requested to have my confinements posponed until next Wednesday in order that I may attend the hops and be with Miss Elizabeth Cornick, a very close relative of mine. Miss Cornick is unchaperoned and in my care while in Lexington and her parents would not understand my not being with her.
2. I have about four demerits for the month and have been late to no formations.

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ld May 15, 1951, Marshall Day honored
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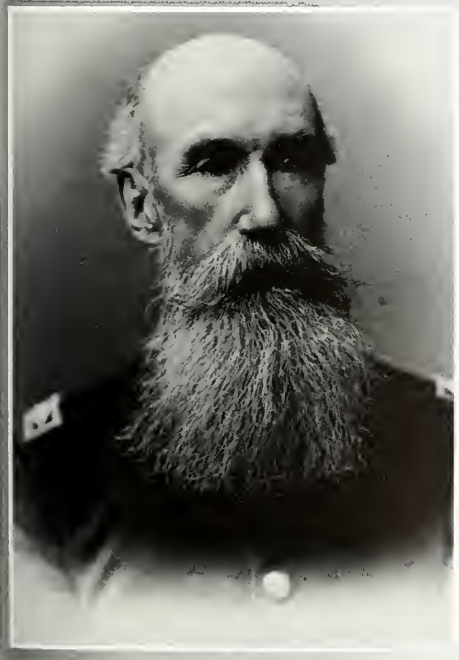
Nash Dillard, one of VMI's most noteworthy professors, is merely representative of the dedication shown by VMI instructors throughout the Institute's history.

Among the instructors in 1893 were many who were influential in re-building the Institute after the Civil War.





Edward West Nichols
Professor of Mechanics and Mathematics Third Superintendent of VMI



John M. Brooke
Professor of Physics

It is hoped that these few pages in the front of the Corps oldest and most cherished publication have recalled memories to those who have gone before, given the Corps a glimpse of the past, and put the traditions of VMI into context for all. For it is clear from the photographs that as much as VMI has changed through the years, it has also remained the same. The names and faces change but the values of VMI will endure as long as the Institute does.



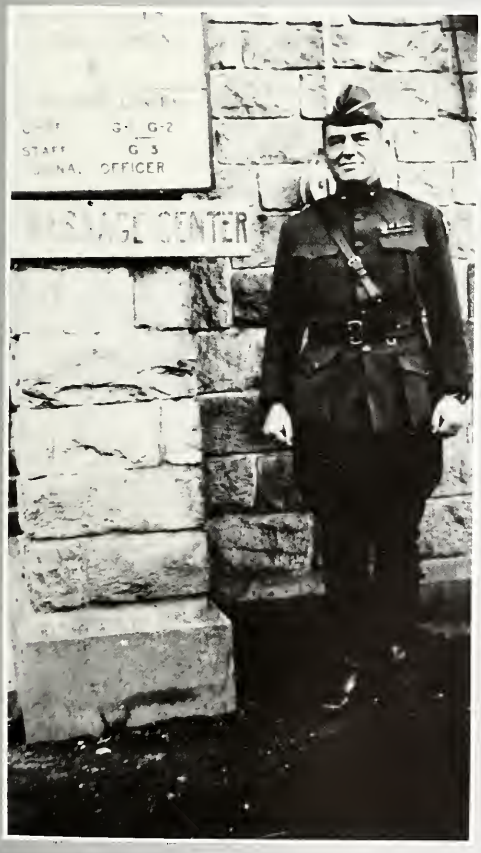
Robert A. Marr
Professor of Civil Engineering



General Shell, Superintendent during t
1960's, brought about many changes during h
administration.

Despite the change, VMI is what it has always been—a synthesis of the Citizen-Soldier concept into a practical institution. Time, change, and individuals will not destroy what has made VMI what it is for the past 145 years, an institution that stands alone in its goals and achievements.





General John A. Lejeune VMI's fifth Superintendent, led the Institute through the centennial celebration and on into World War II.



The administration of William H. Cocke saw the largest building spree in VMI's history.



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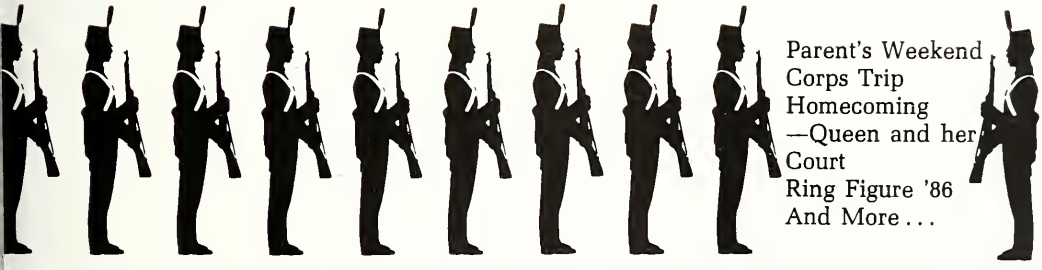
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CADET LIFE

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DEDICATION



Major General James M. Morgan Jr. graduated from VMI in March 1946, with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. At graduation he received the two highest awards given by the Institute to a cadet. The Jackson-Hope Medal, for highest academic attainment in the graduating class, and the Cincinnati Medal, V.M.I.'s top award from the faculty for leadership and all-round excellence as a cadet.

Joining the faculty in 1946, he ably demonstrated the successful teacher's ability to stimulate the interests of his students. As Dean of the Faculty from 1965 to 1984, he has guided V.M.I.'s academic program surely and firmly along the route of continuing advancement, upholding the proven methods of the past, but always alert to the challenges to the future.



In honor of General Morgan's retirement parade, the sidelines were active with talk relative to the evening's affair.



GENERAL JAMES M. MORGAN JR.

Beaming as a proud father, General Morgan and Cadet Morgan continue the high standards of their family and the Institute. Like his father, Cadet Morgan triumphantly holds his Society of the Cincinnati Medal.

General Walker presents General Morgan with his second star during the Faculty Awards Ceremony in the Spring of 1984.

Relaxing for a moment, General Morgan gathers his thoughts during a morning coffee break.





This member of the new rat mass does not realize that he has just signed his life away.



When the new rat mass arrived on August 15, a new commandant and an eager cadre awaited them. New changes in the administration of the ratline were evident, but they did not keep the rats from experiencing the "cultural shock" that ususally comes during the cadre period. Worried parents, confused rats, and an efficient cadre could be seen everywhere on matriculation day. The Class of 1985 was ready to take on their rats and mold them into a class. The rat mass was definitely large, as they filled up many rooms on the third stoop. The arrival of the rats on matriculation day marked the beginning of a long period of hard work and dedication for the dykes of the class of 1985.



One rat seems to be taking things in stride as he approached matriculation, while another pre-matriculant looks somewhat worried.

Charlie Company Corporal Brad Chandler leads rats with freshly shaven heads to their new pleasant abode on the fourth stoop.



ARRIVAL OF RATS

A wondering mother and her daughter watch as their son and brother faces the beginning of the VMI system.





at luggage fills the courtyard while the new rats re going through the matriculation process.

Alumni Weekend was held on September 29 this year. The classes of '29, '39, '49 A,B,C, '59, '69, and '79 met this year for their respective reunions. Activities in Moody Hall, parades, tailgate parties, and the football game highlighted a great weekend for alumni.

The Class of '59 made a donation of $1,650,000.59 to the Institute at the parade on Saturday morning. This project was the highlight of the Class of '59's reunion.

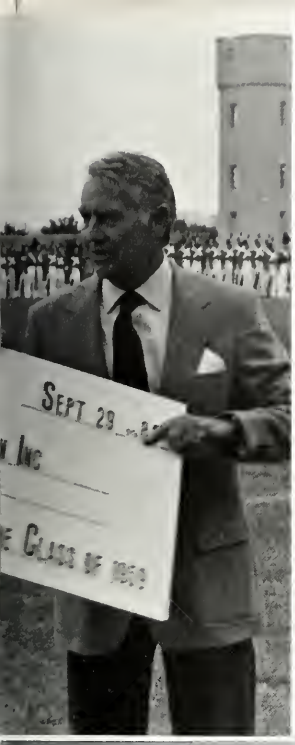
The football team contributed to the reunion weekend with an exciting victory over Appalachian State.

The alumni from these classes definitely showed that the VMI spirit does not die, but grows. Their support and devotion to VMI are unsurpassed by any.









Red, White And Yellow







ALUMNI WEEKEND 1984

A WEEKEND FOR PARENTS

Parents realize that cadets, especially rats, look alike during parades when they search for their son.

Parents' Weekend this year took place on October 19,20, and 21. The weather was perfect for a beautiful weekend, and many cadets, especially rats, were able to be with their parents for the first time since the beginning of the academic year. Many activities were scheduled for the weekend. The superintendent held a reception in Moody Hall on Friday afternoon. There was a concert by the Glee Club in JM Hall and the movie "Brother Rat" on Friday night. Saturday morning parents were able to watch their sons march in a parade. After the parade, tailgate parties were being enjoyed on the parade ground and parking lot behind the stadium. The football team suffered a disheartening loss at the hands of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. All in all, both parents and cadets experienced an eventful weekend.



A rat explains to his family some of the many confusing policies of life at VMI.

he large version of Old Glory is flown at he Institute on special occasions such as arent's Weekend.



Todd Thornes and his mother enjoy a meal away from Crozet Hall at The Palms in Lexington.





e Air Force Honor Guard performs at alftime of the University of Tennessee-hattanooga football game during Parent's eekend.

Founders' Day was held over the weekend of November 10, 11, and 12. The football team traveled to JMU and lost a frustratingly close game. The actual Founders' Day ceremonies took place on Monday the twelfth. Classes were canceled and a parade was held honoring the two men who were awarded with the Distinguished Service Award. The convocation was held in Cameron Hall. Guy Fridell, a newspaper columnist, was the guest speaker. He spoke about his respect and admiration of VMI, and then gave the reasons for his feelings of VMI.

James C. Wheat, Jr. '45 and Dr. Thomas E. Powell, Jr. were honored with Distinguished Service Awards. Wheat has given a generous amount of financial help to the Institute. Dr. Powell had five sons who attended VMI. His work with the Parents' Council has been relentless. Both of these men have made incredible contributions to VMI and undoubtedly deserve the awards they were given.





FOUNDERS' DAY







NEW MARKET CEREMONY



Band Company leads the corps as they march down Letcher Avenue on New Market Day.

New Market Day was a time of remembrance and respect for VMI's past heritage. Ten VMI cadets were killed in the battle of New Market on May 15, 1984. Every year on May 15 the corps pays special tribute to the brave and honorable actions taken by the corps in the battle of New Market. A unique parade and ceremony takes place by the graves of those who died at New Maret at the statue of "Virginia Mourning her Dead". Each year May 15 holds special meaning for the past at VMI.



The Regimental Staff stands at attentio outside Jackson Memorial Hall before Ne Market ceremonies.

The corps stands at attention for the New Market ceremony and parade.



le Color Sargents march in unison as they ry the flags.



Alpha Company Staff presents arms during the New Market parade.

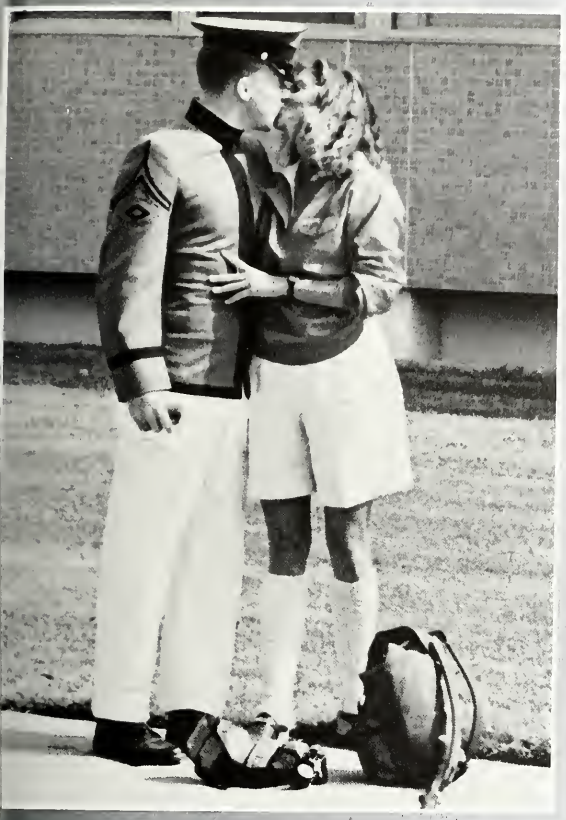
The Corps shows its support for the "Big Red Team"



The cheerleaders never say die!



OYSTER BOWL



Kelly Berkhimer demonstrates why Virginia is for Lovers.

Members of the band anxiously await the final gun. "go clock go."

Tailgate parties, an integral part of any football game.





This years' corps trip to the Oyster Bowl in Norfolk proved to be eventful. Cadets seemed to enjoy themselves on their free weekend from the "I".

The football teams' 54-7 loss to Virginia Tech did not seem dampen the spirit of the corps. VMI's presence was evident in the Norfolk area as cadets could be found at many night spots. The corps and alumni were well represented by their excellent showing at the Oyster Bowl. Even after an overwhelming defeat the corps showed that they could still hold their heads high and have a good time.

Former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt spoke at VMI on October 16. It was part of the ongoing H.B. Johnson '26 lecture series. A nearly filled Cameron Hall listened as Schmidt spoke on United States—European relations. He pointed out the fact that we did not look at Europe in the right perspective in some respects. The VMI Cadet described his message by calling it "Friendly Criticism."

Last year former president Gerald Ford spoke. With the sucess of Fords' presentation last year and Schmidts' this year, the H.B. Johnson '26 lecture series will be something to look forward to each year at VMI.











CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT


VMI











THE 1984 HOMECOMING QUEEN

GOLF COMPANY









The 1984 Homecoming Queen
Golf Company

Miss Jennifer Stillman is a 17 year old senior at West Springfield High School in Springfield, Virginia. She is a member of her school's drill team, the Spartanettes, and her future plans include pursuing a degree in the field of advertising. She was crowned Homecoming Queen on Saturday, 29 September 1984. Miss Stillman was escorted by Fourth Classman Gregg Thomas.

Alpha Company

Miss Tracy Waddell is an 18 year old freshman at Marshall University where she majors in Communication, and is a member of the Alpha Zeta Delta Sorority. She is also a professional model and enjoys dancing, water skiing, and snow skiing. Her escort was Fourth Classman Chris Bunn.









Bravo Company

Miss Pamela Irving of Buena Vista, VA is a 19 year old freshman at Hollins College. She is majoring in Pre-Law and her escort is First Classman Steve Marsh.





Charlie Company

Miss Robin Pennington is a 19 year old sophomore at Radford University where she is majoring in Business. She enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, and is little sister of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. She was escorted by First Classman Michael Johnson.

Delta Company

Miss Jill Etheridge is a 21 year old from Salem, Virginia. She graduated from Peace College in Raleigh, NC and is presently a senior at Radford University majoring in nursing. She enjoys water skiing and is a member of the Tri Sigma Sorority. She was escorted by First Classman Glenn Frank.











Echo Company

Miss Linda Milton is a 19 year old senior at Southern Seminary. A Liberal Arts major, Miss Milton is from Fairfax, Virginia. She is a resident assistant at Sem., enjoys horseback riding, camping, and dancing. She was escorted by First Classman Jim Spellman.



Foxtrot Company

Miss Amie Redgate is an 18 year old freshman at Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, Virginia. She enjoys running, and horseback riding, and is active in the Drama Club. Her escort was First Classman Doug McGowen.

Hotel Company

Miss Cathy Luman is a 22 year old from Alexandria, Virginia and is a 1984 graduate of the College of William & Mary where she earned a degree in Government. Miss Luman's hobbies are reading good books, going to the beach, and the outdoors. Her escort was First Classman Matt Daniel.





Band Company

Miss Tammy Wood is a 17 year old senior at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Virginia. Her activities include drama, and the National Honor Society. She competed in the Lynchburg Jr. Miss Beauty Pageant in October. She plans to attend the University of Virginia and major in Biochemistry. She was escorted by Third Classman Scott Jewell.





India Company

Miss Lynda Taylor is a 21 year old senior at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a Dean's List student whose hobbies include aerobic dancing and visiting VMI. Her escort was Third Classman Dave Furness.





Cadets and their dates enjoy the comfort offered by the Cocke Hall date lounge.

Jeff Massie and his date watch the action from the sidelines.

Ching-Pu Chen and his date show them how its done!





PLEASURES OF THE DANCE



lets mark their ballots for homecoming
en during the Friday night dance.



John Douglas demonstrates a new dance step for his date.

SURF'S UP



A group of cadets and female friends have a wild time on the rocks of Goshen.

Goshen is one place a VMI cadet can always be found during warm weather. The beautiful scenery, cool water, and relaxing atmosphere make Goshen the unique place it is. A cooler full of beer, some civilian clothes, and a few girls, and you are ready for Goshen. A trip to Gosh is a way for cadets to get away fr VMI and forget about inspectio tests, and other minor things f awhile. We are lucky to have place like Goshen nearby for o use.



Jesse Waltz and Tony Panza partake in a cool Budweiser and a swim.

Tate Young seems to be in rare form as he and these two females seek support from each other.





Te cadet in the Jimmy Buffett shirt takes in sne views other than those provided by nure while at Goshen.



John Pollock, Tommy Greenspon, and Walter Spence enjoy the company of two lovely young ladies at Goshen.

LET'S GO HOPPIN'

Hops at VMI are synonymous with "Big-time College Parties." They are enjoyed by every cadet because they provide the cadet with the opportunity to become absorbed in a social atmosphere, relieving the day to day routine he faces. However, Hop Preparation Course 201 is necessary for all cadets to properly polish their rusty skills. Step One: Procure civilian attire, either NERD or PREP. Step Two: Procure necessary beverages for evening's entertainment. Step Three: Become aware of who the Officer-in-Charge is before returning. Step Four: Have a pre-planned route upon entering barracks to assure 100% protection against confinement. These steps should be taken with the utmost care in order to complete the hop Weekend with success.





Embracing his date, Cadet Colletti is all smiles.

Discussing the upcoming evenings schedule, these Cadets appreciate the two to one odds.



Whispering a sweet nothing, Bruce Nickle has his date primed for the evening's activities.

Basking in the sun and waiting for their status slip to be delivered, these VMI gals look forward to the afternoon ahead.

In the true sense of brotherhood, James Bickford and his good looking accomplice pause for a party pic.







In keeping in line with tradition, Bill And
son is presented his ring by General Walk

RING FIGURE '86









re Nickle and his date enjoy themselves ing the evening's festivities.

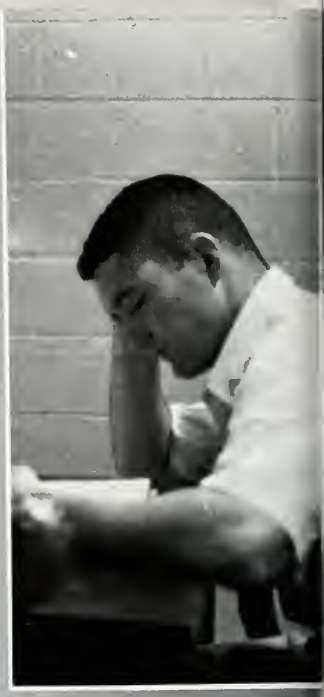
l Boos and his date pose for one of the y pictures that were taken on a very special it for the Class of 1986.

The Class of 1986 takes charge of the Corps, a pre-cursor of the times to come.

General Walker presents Ring Figure Chairman, George C. Sheild, with the Douglas Carter France Award for a job well done!

Drifting into his intense study mood, this cadet prepares for an upcoming examination in nuclear electronics 565.







Discussing the political crisis inhere
WWI, these cadets compare 1919 t
1980's.

Reviewing his notes on Shakespeare, Tom Delaney prepares for an oral presentation.

Programming their IBM PC's, these cadets are expanding upon existing software.



HITTING THE BOOKS

Throughout a cadet's life, he has been occupied with activities, such as inspections, aerobics, and practice parades. The cadets main objective is the pursuit that leads to the ultimate graduate, he must have the desire and determination to achieve this goal. To be able to concentrate on academics amidst the constant air of various cadet "life functions". To simplify the "game plan" each cadet finds himself striving to work within the system.



Taking notes from a recent lecture, Mike Steen is summarizing chapters 1 through 30 in preparation for his next test.

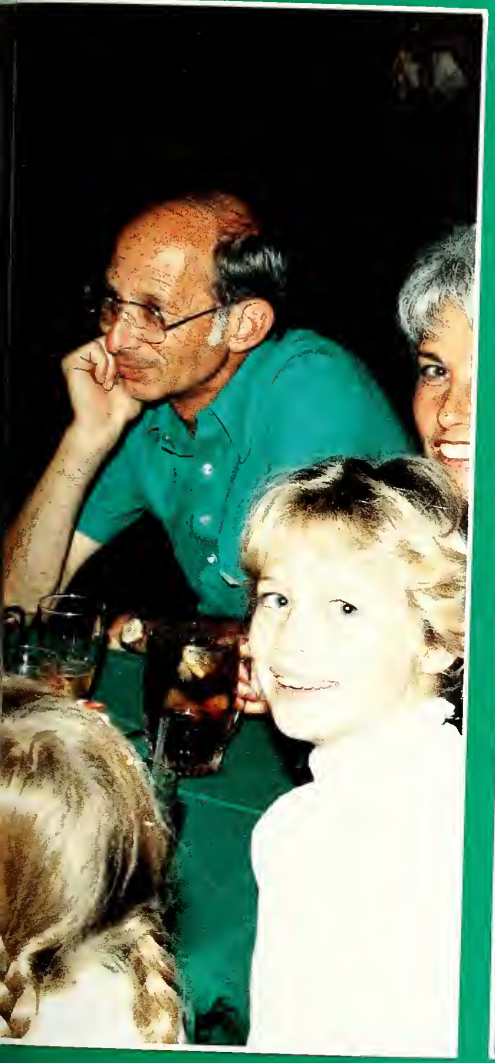


Neal Lowenstein enjoys a cold beer in the Palms while on GP.

Steve Cade gives a casual smile for the camera as he takes a break from his meal.



GENERAL PERMIT







Vince Morton enjoys his delicious ice cream at Sweet Things during GP.

Rob LaRosa gets set to hit the cash flow at a local bank.

INTRAMURALS









Intramurals play a major role in the life of a cadet. They take place every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, and every cadet has to take part if he is not on a sports permit. Intramurals are a break in the constant military activities that take place on other afternoons during the week for cadets. A vast number of sports are included in the intramural program. Soccer and football take place on the parade ground. Cocke Hall is the stage for basketball and handball, while racquetball is played in Cameron Hall. The favorite intramural for cadets—run for your rack—takes place wherever distance can be measured. Cadets who sign up for "run for your rack" are required to earn 12 aerobic points. Once these 12 points are earned, cadets are allowed to "rack".



The evening flag and gun detail are set to bring down the flags during parade.

The Officer of the Day gives instructions to Sargeant of the Guard Chris Peet.

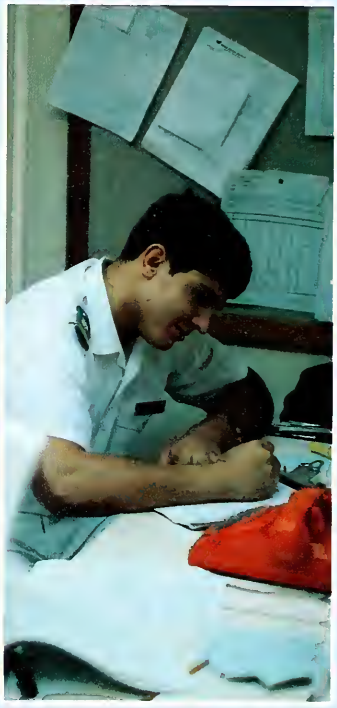


ATTENTION IN BARRACKS . . .



The Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard make their routine checks outside of barracks.





Recorder Todd Tabb works hard at his job of sending status slips and recording bones.

The Sargeant of the Guard listens to questions from cadets as leaves to post his sentinels.

FINE SOUTHERN DINING



Mike Johnson prepares yet another meal in a surrounding familiar to all cadets.



Jim Begley in one of his more lucid moments.

Crozet Hall, Club Crozet, the Mess Hall, whatever you want to call it, VMI's place to eat is unique. There are over 1,000 cadets all dressed alike eating at the same time. The rats are eating in the most awkward way possible. The second and first classmen are trying to get away with unfastening the collars on their blouses. The third classmen are usually yelling at the rats. The RDC and staff tables are usually disciplining rats who have gone astray. Crozet Hall at VMI is in a state of mass confusion when one tries to feed over 1,000 cadets with what is called food in the shortest amount of time possible.



Rats wait to be seated and to begin eating in a way unique to VMI.

What did the Rats say this was?





ood service would not be possible without
ie aid of the many cadet waiters at VMI.



Jim Harvey eats while enjoying his First Class privlege of wandering around the "Club Crozet."

A PERSPECTIVE INTO



CADET LIFE

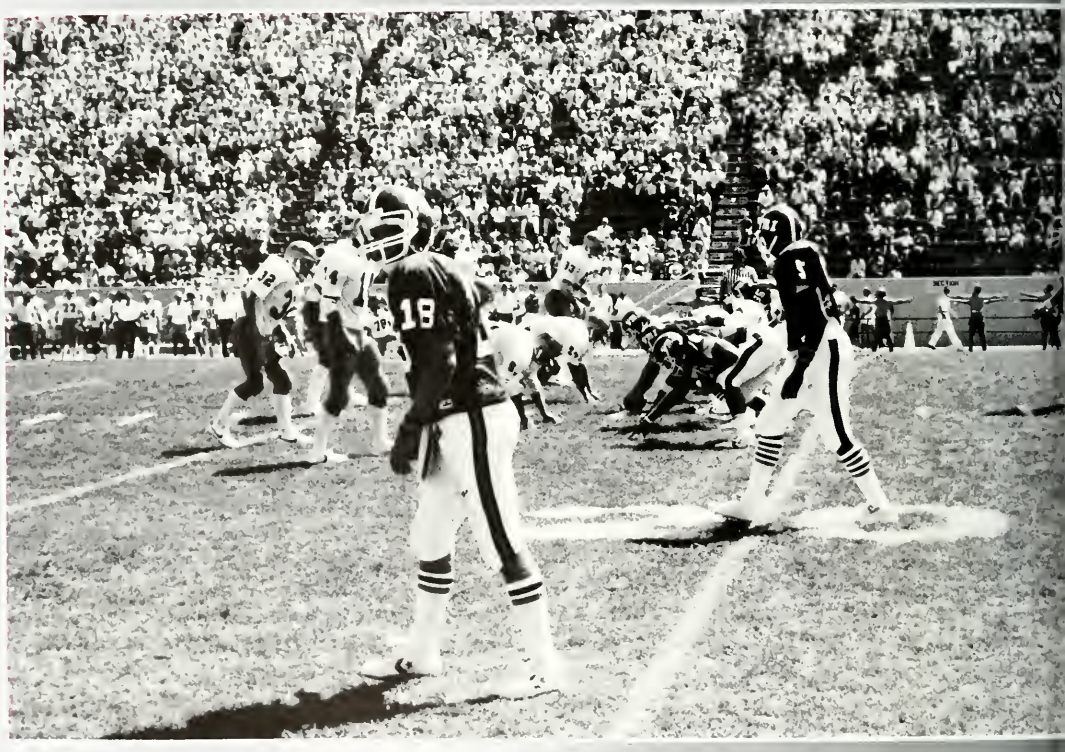


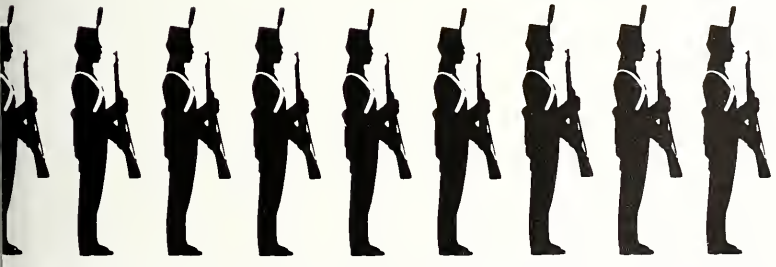












Football
Basketball
Track
Rugby
And More . . .



SPORTS

Kenneth R. Hirlinger Jr

FOOTBALL





Jim Daly sets up behind his linemen to pass to one of his receivers.

On the other end of the pass at times was B. Tilling. This catch gave VMI one of those ever elusive touchdowns.

The offensive line had much to celebrate after Tilling made the TD, as they were the trenchfighters providing the QB time to see downfield.









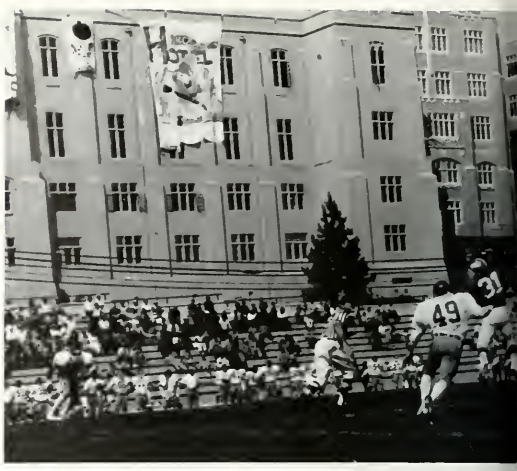
As the defense closes in James Wright leaps in the air for a pass in VMI's only victory.

After the completion, Steve Pancham gets sandwiched between two defenders.

Watching impatiently from the sidelines Brian Lewis would probably like to get his hands on the game ball.

Doing his I can fly imitation Pancham trys to elude his opponents.





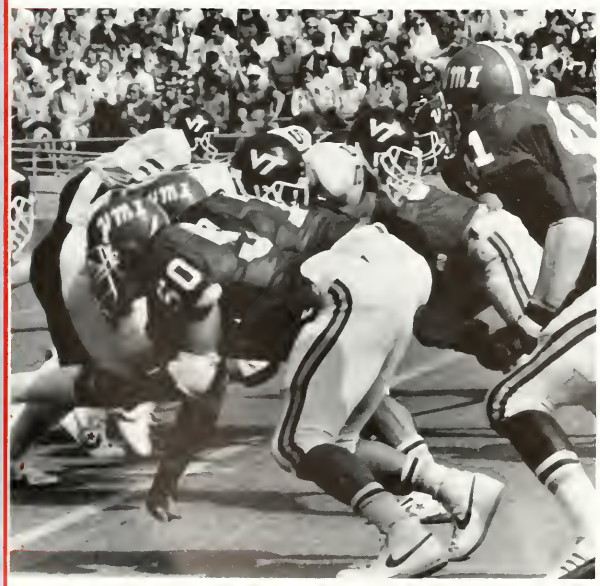
With the secondary split John Parrott makes a reception look easy.



Neil Lowenstein has no problems anchoring the defensive line as they surge forward to hold the opposition.

In another play VT is able to get a headstart against the defense which prepares for another running play.

Due to a good block by Derrick Johnson, tailback Eric Woodhouse is able to get to the outside for some much needed yards.













s Steve Palmer rushes in, the rest of the defense falls back to chase the all.

n a turnover the offense reacts quickly to stop UTC from picking up ny extra territory.

MI's secondary gets a little help from the line in tying up this play.

teve Pancham stretches every bit of his body to make an attempt on a ightly overthrown ball.

SOCCER



Junho Chi tries to use his head for this shot. But an alert goalie grabs the pass.

Bob Zoeke shows the ref. and his opponents a little fancy footwork as VMI sets up for a goal shot.





On or off the field VMI always tries to show the spirit of sportsmanlike conduct.

Even on the field cadets must constantly use their heads to meet their objectives.







s VMI takes its penalty shot, an alert forward moves past his defender for chance at a possible rebound.

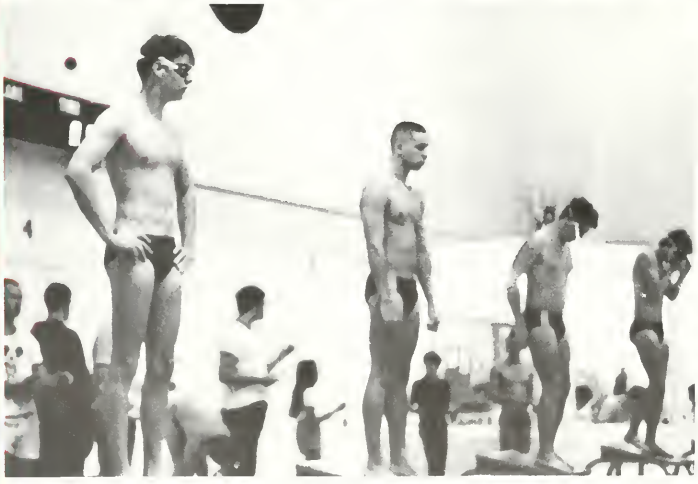
ad Szcypanski puts a move on this defender that allows him to slip past hile the defender slips down.

nowing his unique style, Kurt Quimby flies through the air to get a new ngle on this kick.



SWIMMING, DIVING AND WATER POL







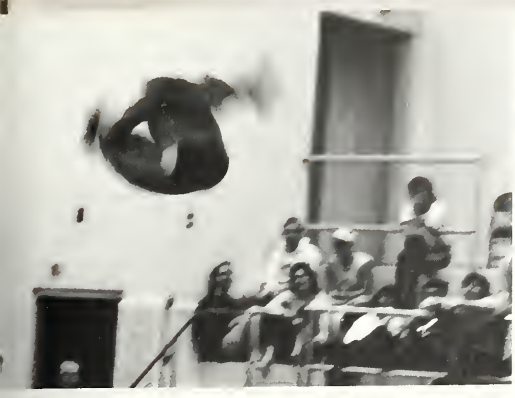
This year our team turned in many good performances that had a lot of opponents wondering about how we progressed so quickly. Paul Jarvis and Mark Williams (top) were part of our success story.

This year we gained some needed depth from our Rats and Thirds. In freestyle Kevin McClung and Matt Koleseki turned into tough competitors.

Our divers (Jack Rose—cpt., Blair Shelton, Ben Griswold and Tommy Roltsch) were consistently winning their events to help out the team.

One of the team's premiere swimmers, Paul Jarvis has time for a short nap before his competition finishes.







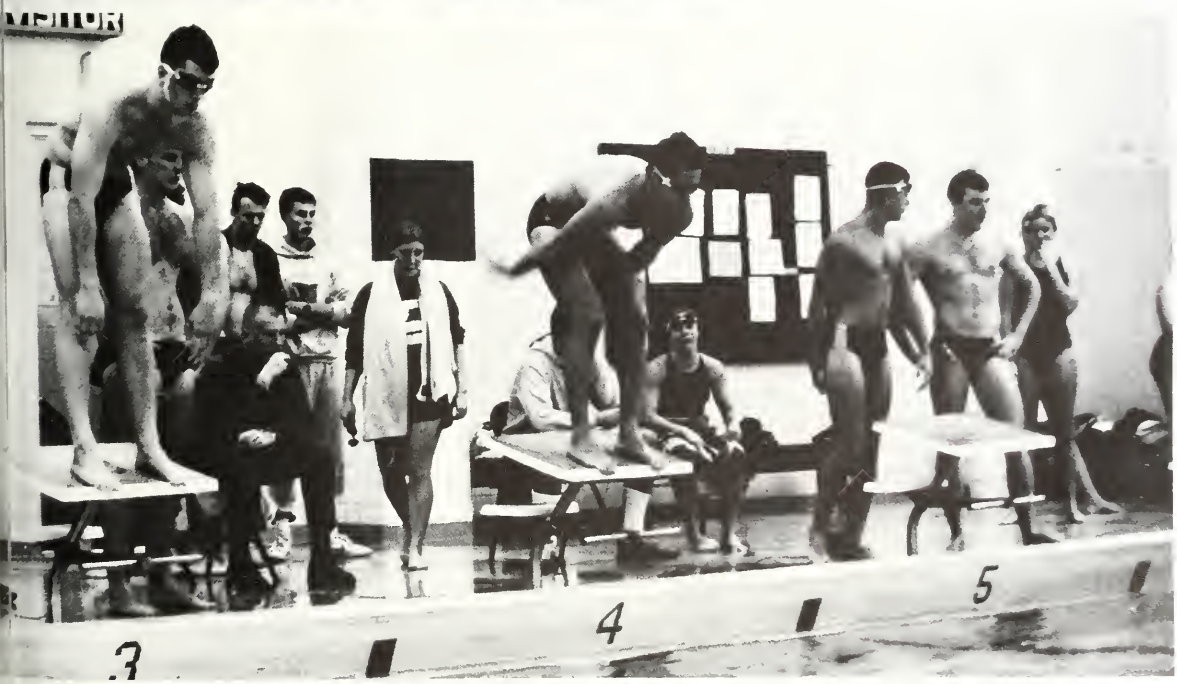


Tumbling thru the air Jack Rose turns in another crowd pleasing dive.

In the Richmond Men and Ladies meet against VMI and Sweet Briar, "Easy" Williams fly in the FLY.

Our Polo team enjoyed the playing but suffered some crushing defeats due to lack of practice and experience. Cpt. Seline advised us and Dinger coached and played goal. Eric, Russ, Dan, Ken, Paul, Tom. 2nd Row: Jim, Tim, Paul, Tim, Chuck Rich.

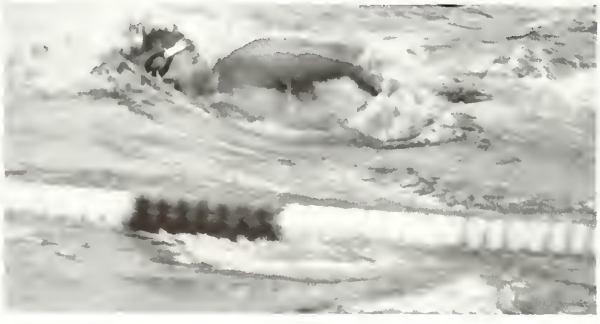
Against Richmond we pulled a few surprises and almost pulled in the victory. Here Gary McClelland anchors the Medley.





Blair Shelton is developing into one of the area's top divers and the form he shows in this back-dive is the reason why.





Concentration is very important as Eric "Dwight" Whiteman psychs for the 1000.

Placing well against most of our opponents, Tommy Peer's determination did the team a lot of credit.

Mouths open in wonder, Jim Coulter and Paul Jarvis listen to Jim Agostini after their last race.





During our most interesting meet (UofR) Tommy Peer, Ken Hirlinger, and Dan Whalen ready their voices to out cheer Richmonds' screaming ladies during the mens' breaststroke event.





Hamond Urner counts the laps, allowing our distance swimmers the opportunity to concentrate on more important subjects (i.e. girls, booze, etc.)

As Sweet Briars Girls watch the very close medley relay, Paul Jarvis prepares to beat UR's flier.

LACROSSE



VMI's defense allowed MIT few moments of rest from having bodies and sticks constantly checking their play.

Tom Fitzpatrick is elated over the score that he has just increased by yet another point.

With VMI well ahead, Pete Needham beats his defender downfield to set up another fastbreak.







Remy Thompson and company harry the opponents' defense and the result is evident by the ball inside the net.

Chuck McCarthy faces off at midfield.





Providing much experience to the team was Tommy Greenspon who was very much a threat to opposing defenses.



When three ornery cadets come at one opponent there is no doubt that the opponent is a little bit nervous.

GOLF



Then there was Danks Burton to disprove my concentration theory. Who else but Danks could or would look the other way of this shot. Mr. Cascio where are you when you're needed the most . . .



The key to golfing must be in the concentration as these pictures will show.



Will Johnson has a tough shot this time. The lay of his ball is between a sandtrap and a golftrap.



FENCING



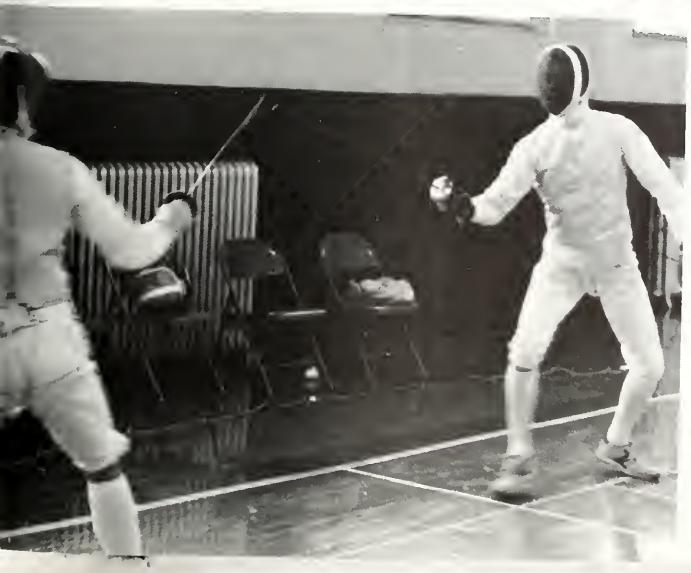
Rat Scarpino possibly the team's best fencer, prepares for the next offense.

Thrusting and counter-thrusting Rob Johnson and his opponent put on a show for the Rats.

The fencing captain parries, thrusts, and blocks in the style of Robin Hood.







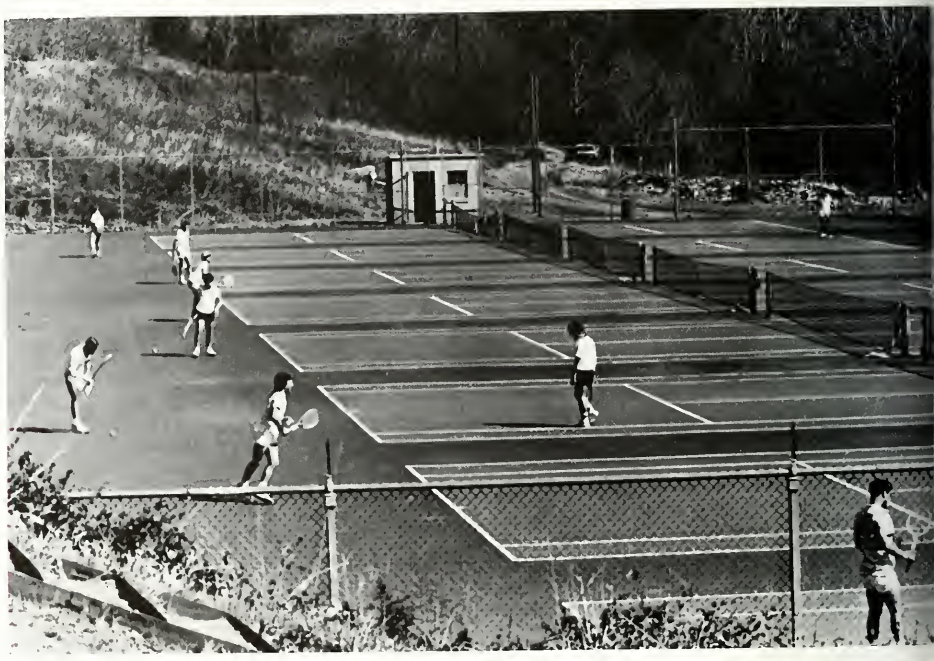


Rat Heathcote readies to meet his opponent's thrust in the method of Foil.

TENNIS



The 1984-1985 Tennis Team, under the direction of team captain Graham Rose, displays their new uniforms.



Making use of our eight outdoor courts and a good day of sunshine, the team practices for their next tournament.

Despite the fact that everyone has his own style, the important thing about tennis is the serve. Could there be much doubt that with this look of agony we have an ace here.



RIFLE







Two of the rifle teams' new marksmen demonstrate the kneeling and prone firing positions.

Tom Struckmeyer, the team's only third, gives his utmost concentration to the moving ducks down range.

With the help of a stand Dave Whittaker can worry more about the target than trying to keep his gun (oops—rifle) steady.

RUGBY





One of the fundamental aspects of rugby is that the ball alwa draws a crowd, as this Keydet discovers.





Doug McGowen shares a few moments with the ladies to prepare himse for the match.

Push Harder is the name of this play. The plan—take the egg from i nest with the opposing ruggers.



sing is very important to a planned at-
, so our ruggers practice the technique
h fierce intensity.



VMI moves in on the attack to the pleasure of their spectators.





Although Rugby does have some of the aspects of football (as shown here) it is very much its own sport.

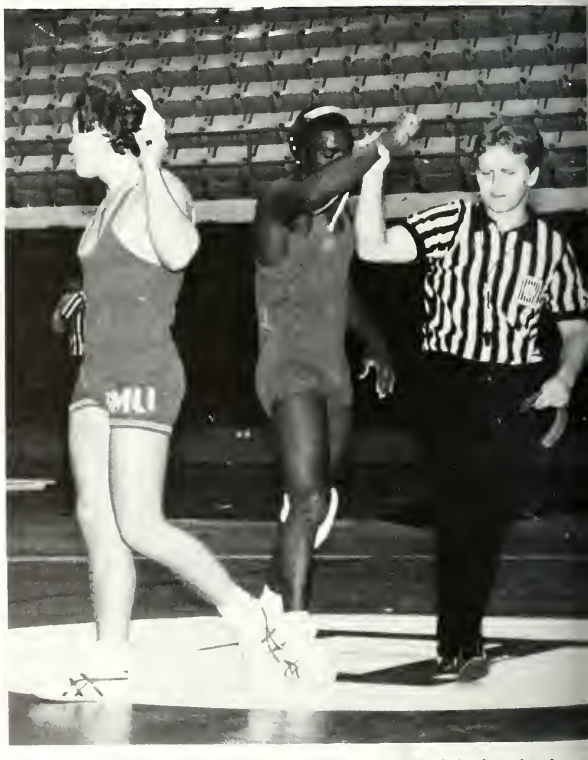
Doug McGowen, Brent Harder, and "Greek" Halages try to master their opponents in attempting to gain control of the ball.

WRESTLING



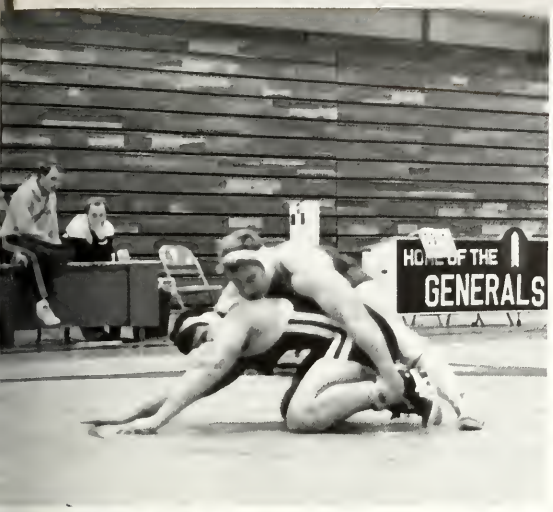
As this opponent has discovered, VMI's wrestling team likes to rise to the top of their sport and stay there.

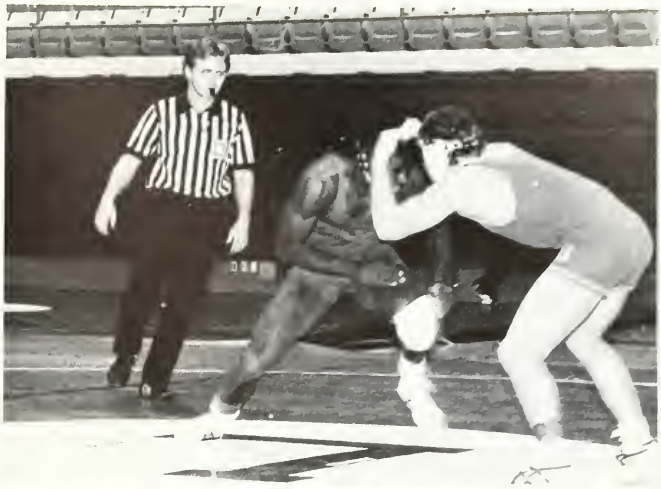


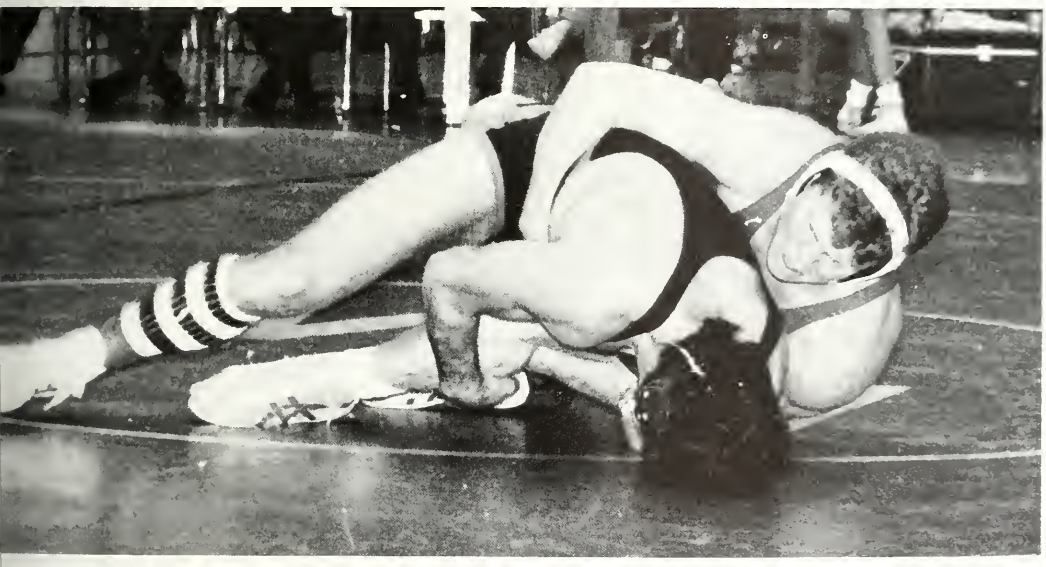


Although a bit worn out, Senior Matt Henderson can look back to his four y on the mats with the satisfaction of knowing he was a champ.

Often a typical scene was VMI walking away with their arms raised. Once a Eric Woodhouse gets the honors.







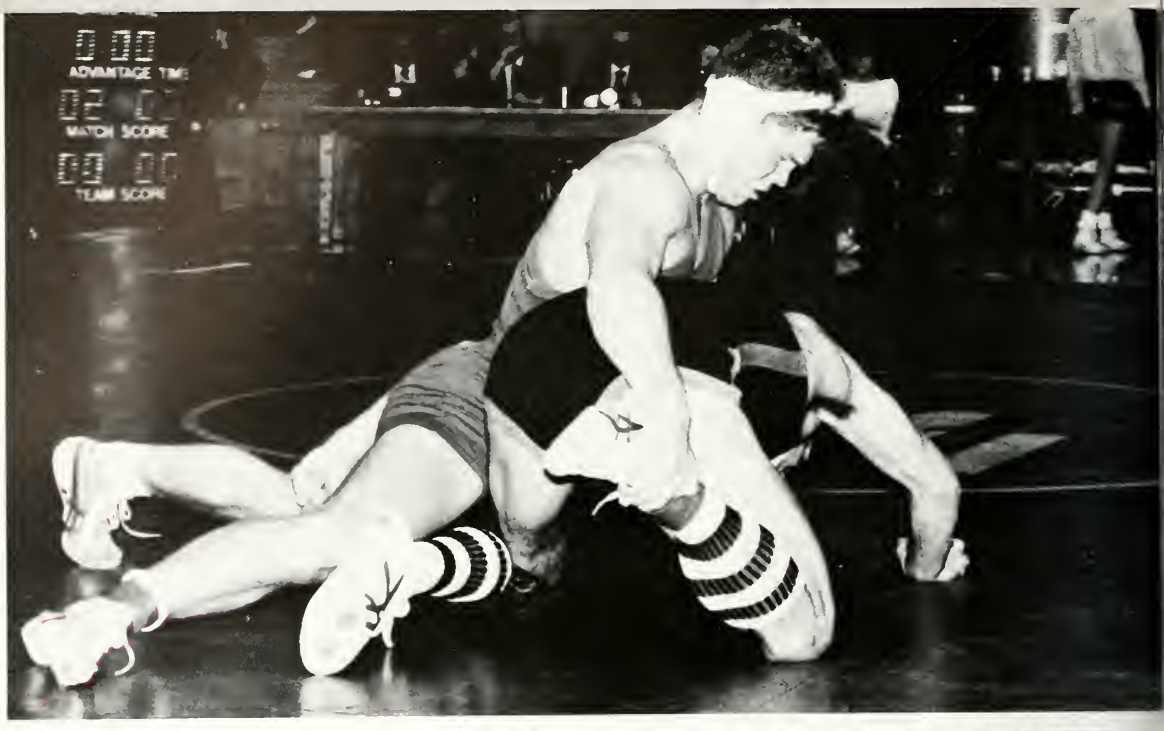


Muscles straining with effort, John Long attempts to get his opponent into a more favorable position.

Using his quickness Eric Woodhouse makes a move for the JMU's wrestlers' leg.

Kenny Spain tries to roll his man over, thus enabling him to get on top and lay this guy on his back.

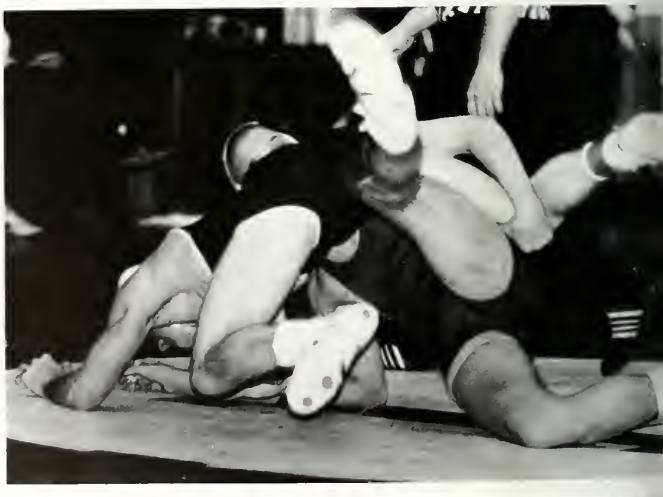
Before an injury took Mark Carrol out for the year, he was one of VMI's better lightweights. Here Mark tries the old climb on your opponent's back technique.

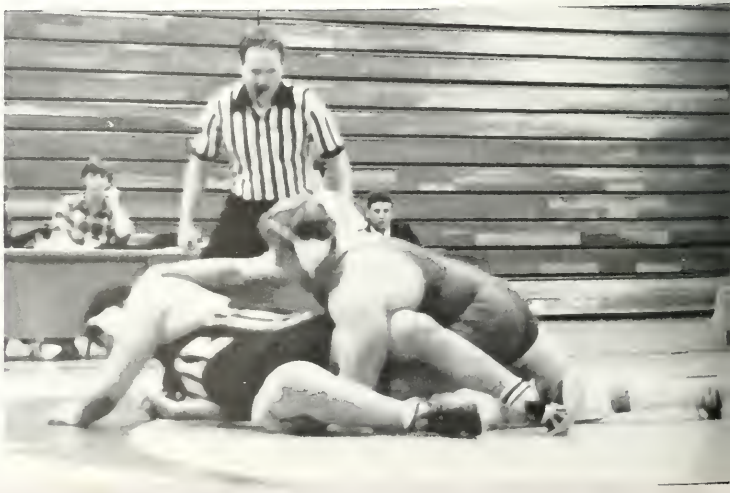


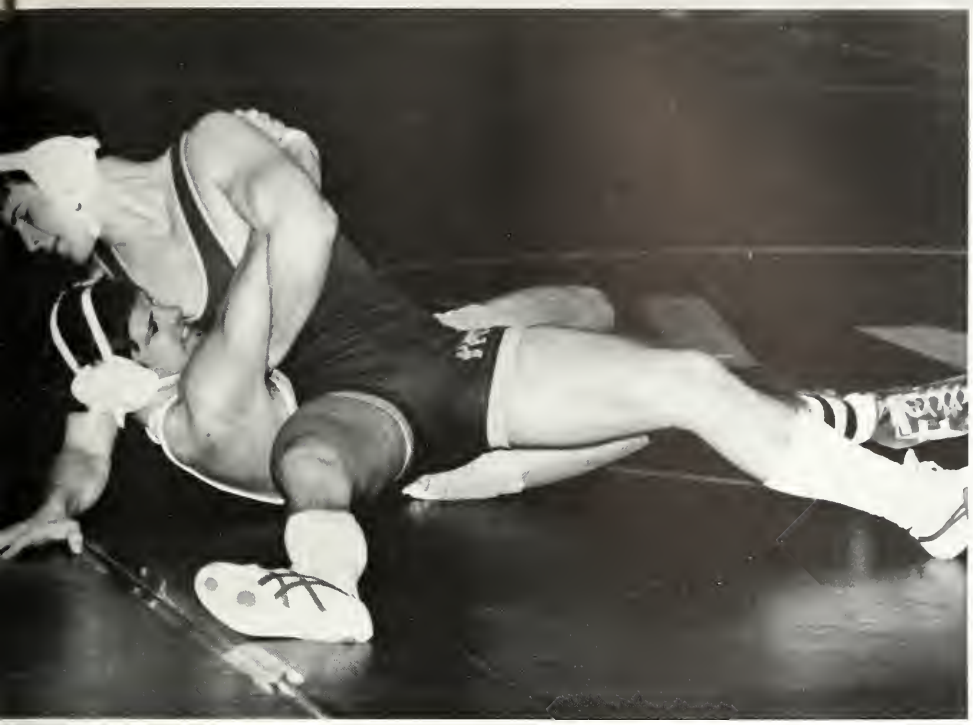
With a look of determination, Kenny Spain tries to drive his man forward.

Somewhere in this tangle of arms and legs Bob Zoeke works on a reversal.

Get Back Here!! John Long tries to keep his man from scurrying off the mats.









Victory is barely eluding Craig Harris as his man makes a feeble attempt to stay off his shoulders.

With the ref looking skyward Todd Harris waits patiently for his opponent to ready himself.



Matt Henderson moves into a better position against a flattened opponent who is momentarily helpless to resist.

BASEBALL









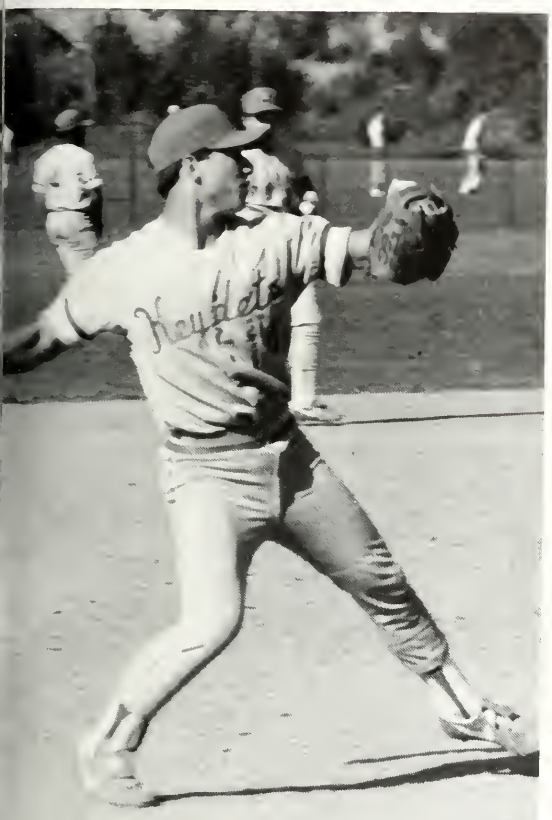
With a look of determination David Phillips takes off for third.

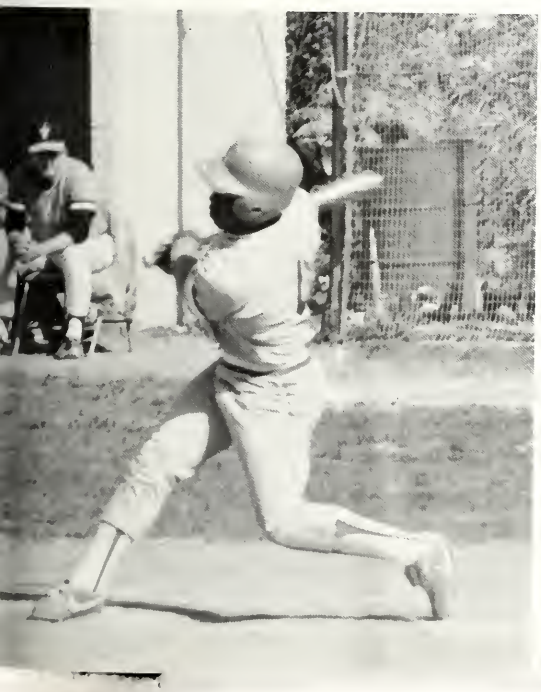
Outfielder Tommy McGinnis makes a good play off a bouncing ball.

David Tyler takes an infield hit and turns it into an out for the batter.

It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's just a fly ball and another out for the opponent

As Kelly Raber rounds the bases the opponents' outfielder winds up to give Kelly a run for his money.







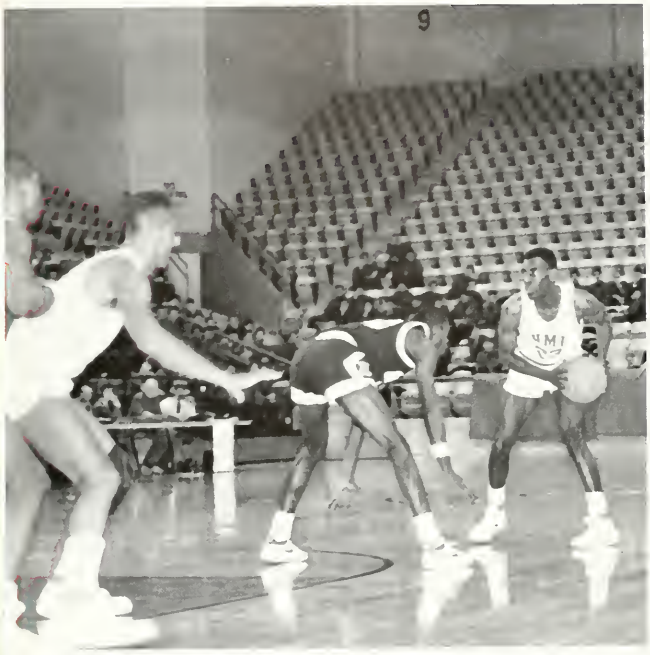
T. McGinnis shows his form during a warm-up throw to first.

Pitcher Jeff Smiley revs his arm for all the marbles. His game is simple strike out all batters!



Slugger Ben Walker shows good form and concentration as he tries to beat the pitching game.

BASKETBALL



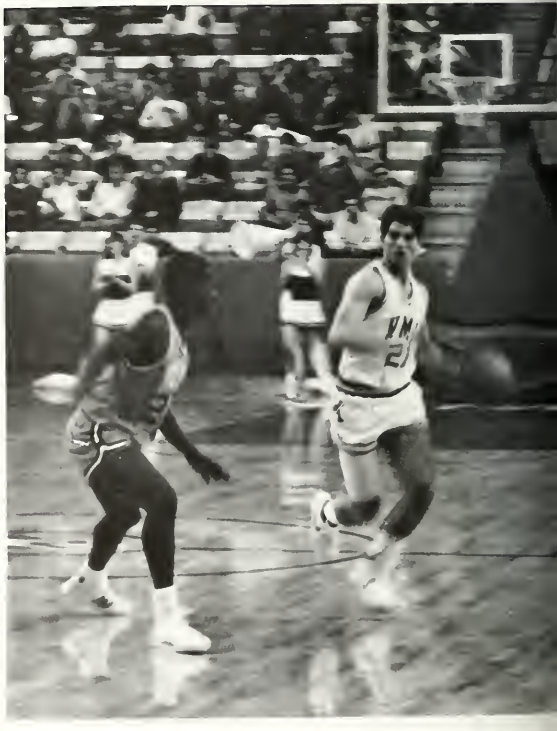
This year's team gave everyone a few surprises thanks to the firstclassmen who were three of the five starters.

Along with Cedric Wins (above), Darwin Sawyer (right) and Mike Herndon were the other seniors vital to the team's success.

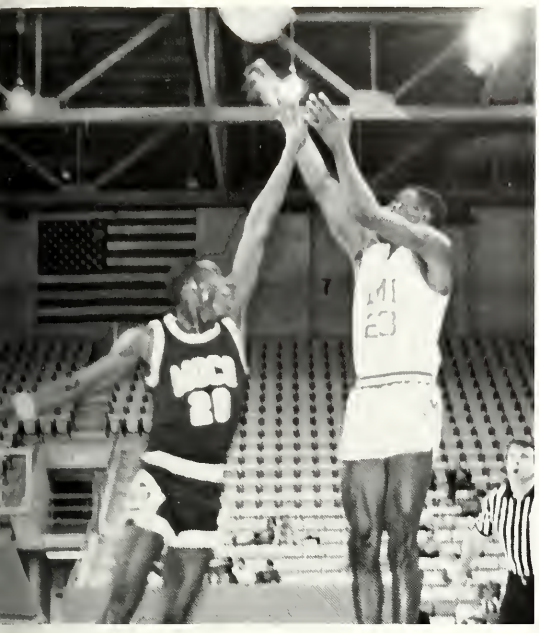




One of the best players around is Gay Elmore, who provided the team with a reliable all-around player.



Filling out the starting team is the ball control guard Mike Huffman.





For any team to succeed it must have a strong bench to rely on. This year Rat Gardner was one of the few that provided that much needed depth.

Cedric Wins gave the team a high percentage outside shooter that could bust many defensive zones into submission.

In times of trouble Mark Current was used as a backup for the bigmen up front.





Of course to be good a team needs a coach who stands up for his men. Here Marty Fletcher shows his displeasure of the refereeing done at our games.





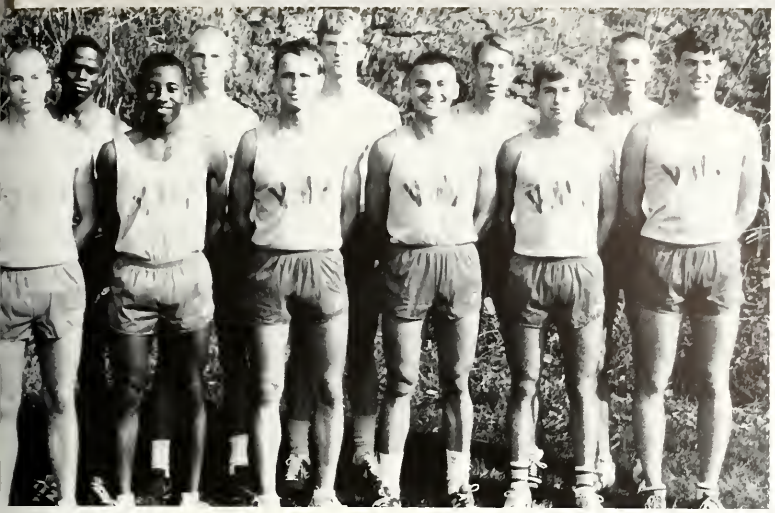


Once again Mike Huffman demonstrates his much respected ball handling.

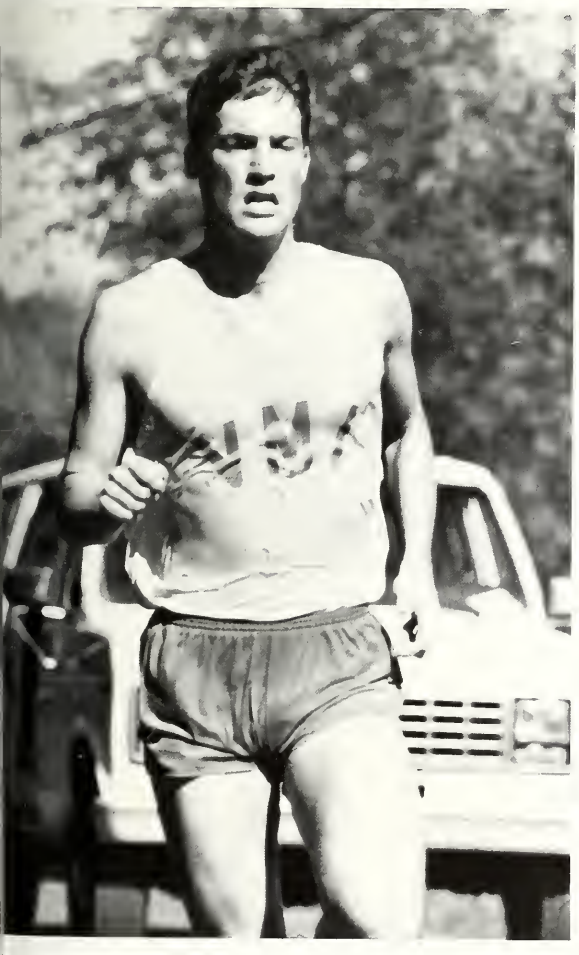
As Cedric Wins takes a jumper, Mike Herndon moves into position for rebound.

Showing his ability to penetrate the defense Gay Elmore shoots over an o ponent's outstretched hands.

CROSS COUNTRY



Bruce Hill shows that running isn't always fun and games, especially for a Firstclassman.



spite possible pain, the end of the run can bring a smile to RAT Hoofnagles e.

st in the front of this pack is Henry Loving, who would probably like to ickly lose the pack.





TRACK





Davis Estes blows away the opposition to reach the unbroken tape.

Along with the relay teams, VMI's track team has won many honor on the path to being nationally ranked.

Henry Sanchez barely leads the pack in this hoof-race.

In one of his last throws as a Keydet, Sheldon Johnson shows th power of a putter.















Kevin Mitchell displays explosive speed as he out performs the opposition.

The triple jump involves speed, strength and grace to fly through the sky over many body lengths.

Jim Moore elevates his body towards greater and greater heights in the high jump.

Pacing the distances is Jack Ditt, who often strided to victory over his opponents.





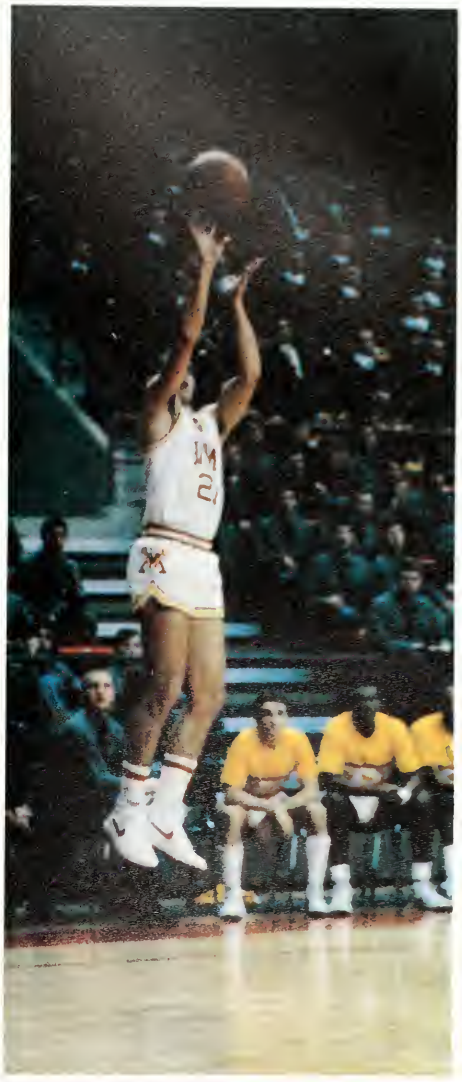
Mark "Action" Jackson gets a pep talk between rounds from the boxing coach and his crew.

Many times this year the hard fists of our team brought the symbol of victory as this bout did for John Urquhart.

Jackson's gargoyle grin and his aggressive style bring smiles to all but his opponents.







Mark Current puts up the roundball in hopes of two.

Under pressure, Jim Daly looks downfield for an open receiver.

Trent Bridges on the carry makes extra yards off a block by Louis Rucker.

South-paw Scott Bryant fires another down the chute.







Cedric Wins goes up for a sure "two."

The sprint to first.



Al Comer drops back into the pocket scanning the secondary.



Stephan Jones, Jimmy Walker, and Glen Ralston close in for the tackle.



[illegible]ay Elmore pushes his way in and avoids the "stuff" to get to from underneath.



Ben Walker rounds second to take third.





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William H. Reid
John G. Douglas

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Executive Officer

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P.H. Mangerian
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A.G. Shirley II
Regimental S-5









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P.C. Grgas
Color Sgt.













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Battalion S-5
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Battalion S-5



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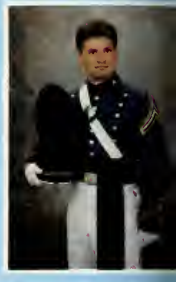
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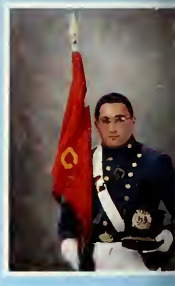


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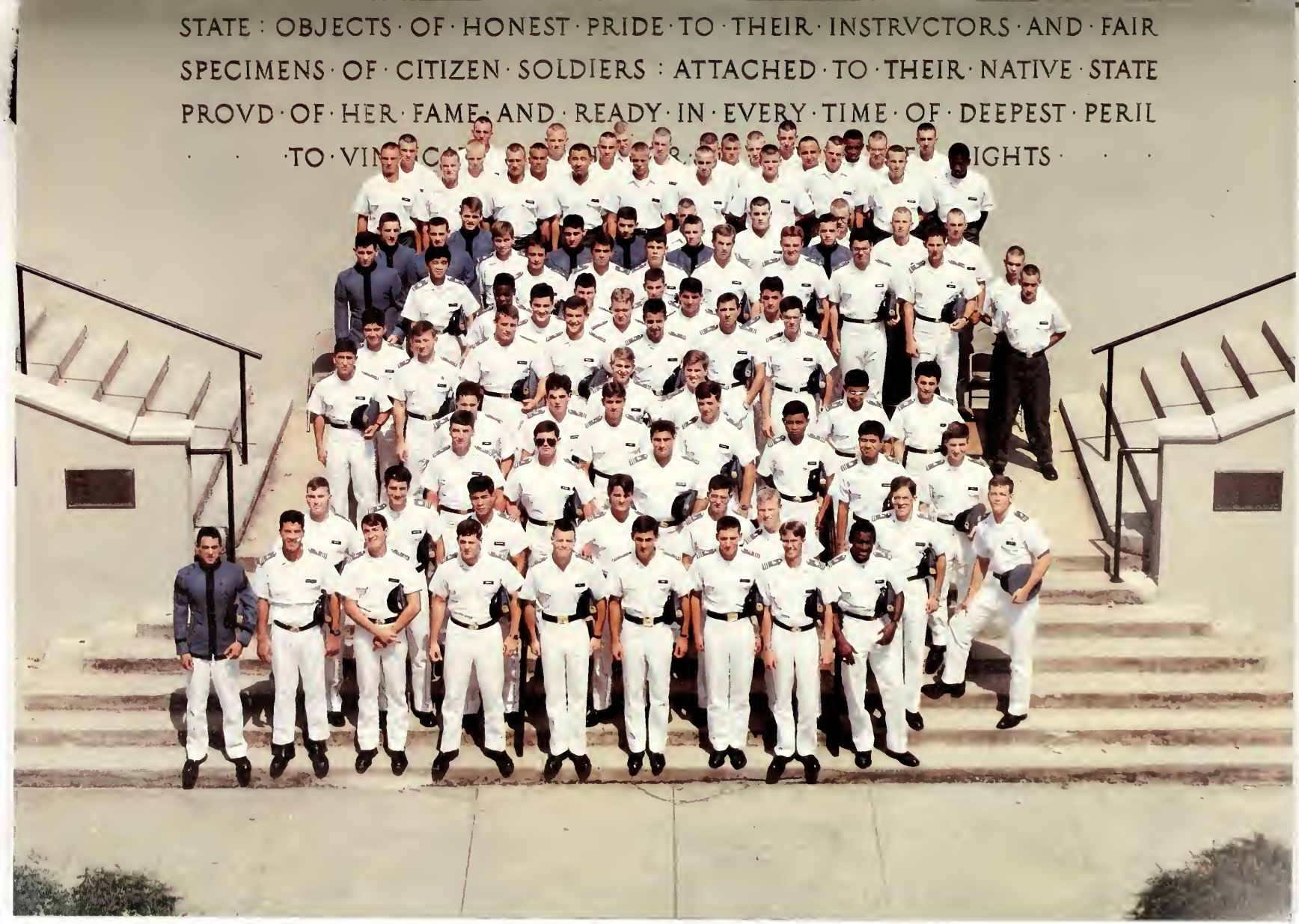






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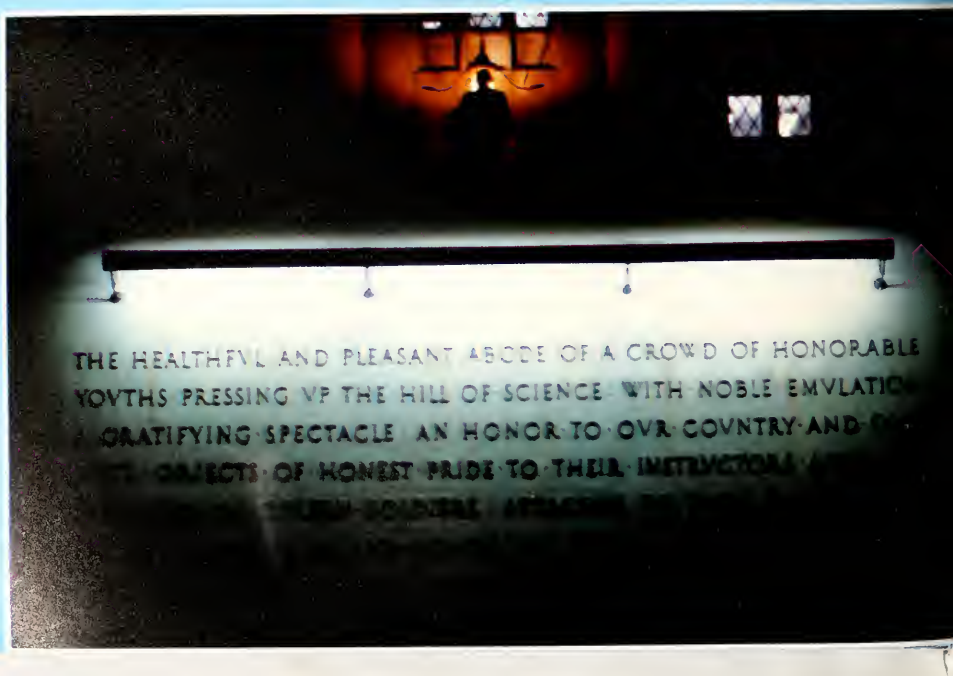








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A.M.P. Smith
Executive Officer







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Platooon Lieutenant
J.R. Miller
Platoon Lieutenant
D.M. Caruso
Platoon Lieutenant









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Platoon Lieutenant
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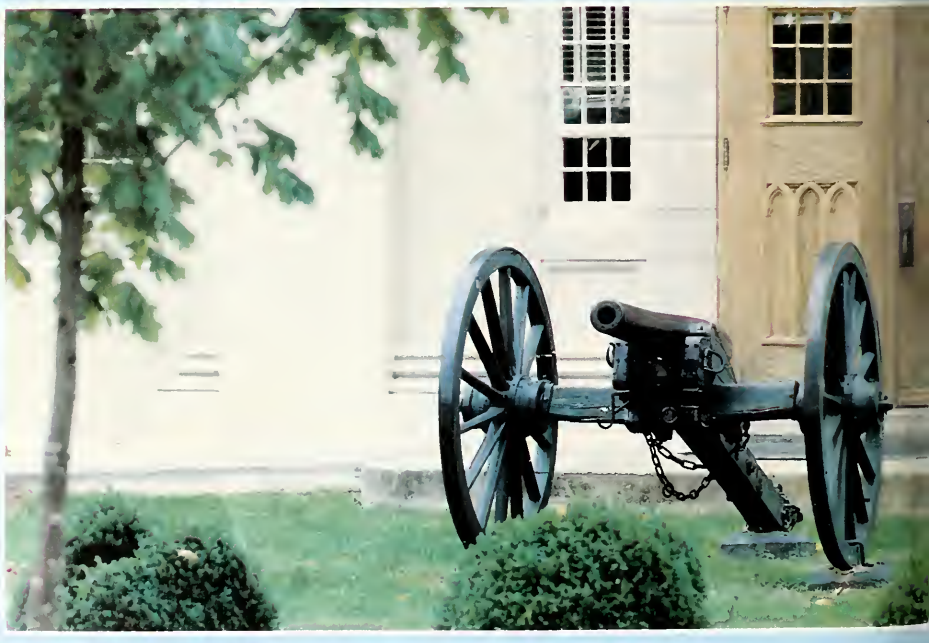
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Executive Officer







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Platoon Lieutenant









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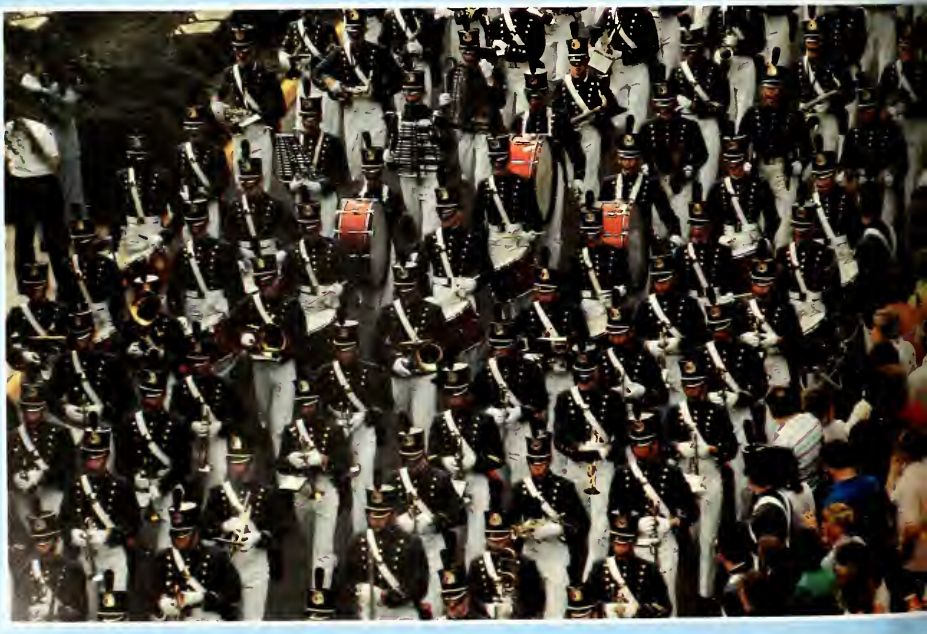


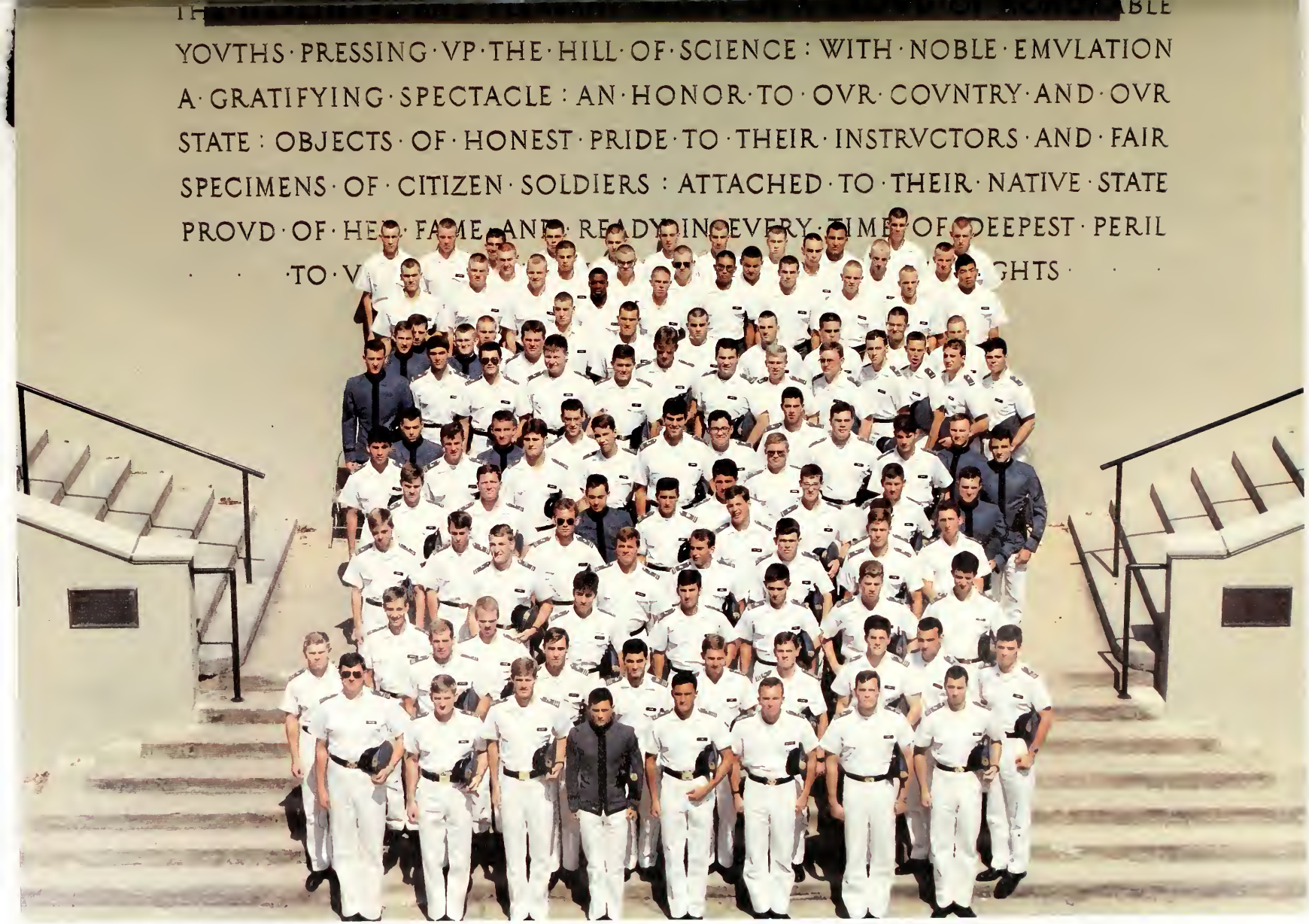






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EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE





The Executive and General Committees are formed of and by the corps. They are established to maintain the class system and the appearence of the corps in the public eye. The Committees normally consist of the officers of the upper three classes however, many cadets have had stand-in roles thus increasing the participation of the corps in student discipline activities.

JAMES B. CHARTIER
1984-85 President



The Rat Disciplinary Committee is a group of eleven First Classmen voted by their class to insure that the highest standards of etiquette, appearence, and discipline are upheld by the Rat Mass. The RDC presents the biggest obstacle the Rat Mass must hurtle on their journey to becoming a V.M.I. Class. The Committee forces the New Cadet to utilize self-discipline, perseverance, and motivation in an attempt to overcome the hardships of the Rat Line, and requires that all individuality be cast aside to be replaced with the concept of unity and the Brother Rat Spirit.

The RDC is a subcommittee of the EC/GC and is under the supervision of the President of the RDC and the First Class. The Committee relies on the support of the First Class rendered in the form of volunteers at weekly meetings, aid at sweat parties, and enforcement of policy in barracks. In addition, the administration plays a role in the functioning of the RDC by honoring penalties awarded, as well as providing a tactical officer to insure proper procedures are followed in all cases of RDC business.

Brenton D. Harder,
1985 RDC President ►





The RDC introduces itself to the Class of 988.

Steve Medeiros teaches some wayward Rats the necessity of learning from the system.



Rats prepare for serving Rat Tours, a new innovation in the VMI ratline.

Jeff Hill and Mike Ceroli pass judgement on a Rat during an afternoon meeting of the RDC, another innovation in the system.



SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

The Society of Physics Students is a national organization which promotes educational activities related to the physical sciences. Academic achievement is rewarded by membership in the Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma. The V.M.I. Chapter sponsors speakers, picnics, and field trips to further interest the corps and community in Physics.

Ross Miller
1984-85 President



A.S.C.E.

The Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers is one of the oldest and largest cadet organizations at VMI. Through its activities, which include seminars, field trips, paper competitions, branch meetings, and the concrete canoe competition, its members are given a better understanding of the civil engineering profession in addition to employment opportunities.

Greg Renner
1984-85 President



A.S.M.E.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is a club for all Mechanical Engineering majors that acquaints its members with the personnel of mechanical engineering. Club members are exposed to job opportunities and responsiblities in the Mechanical Engineering field. Membership alone can be beneficial to one's future. Club projects include guest speakers, field trips, design projects, and contests.

CHRIS WELCH
1984-85 President



PRE-LAW SOCIETY

The Pre-Law Society is designed to aid those cadets desiring to go to law school. The society makes several trips each year to a variety of Virginia law schools and also hosts speakers from both the legal profession and the law schools. It also assists cadets by providing them with information concerning law school admissions, LSAT's, and the legal profession.

Joseph Spivey IV
1984-85 President

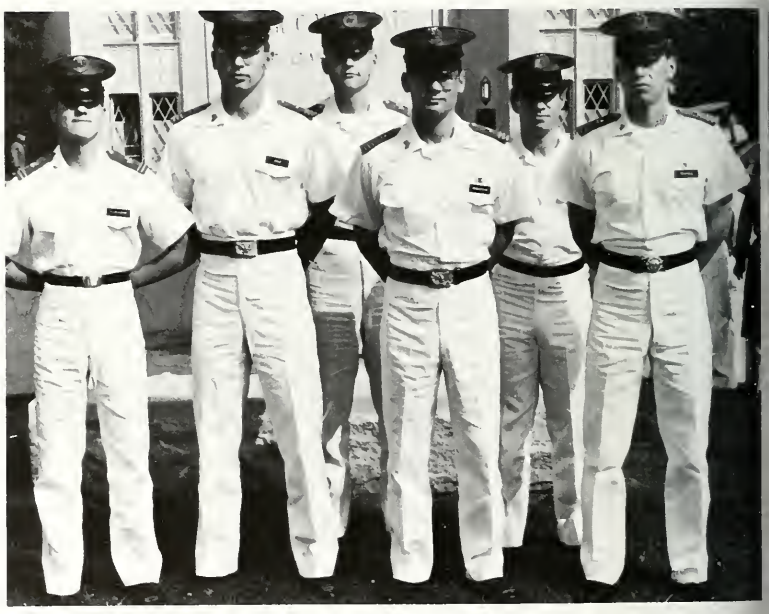


A.U.S.A.

The Association of the United States Army is an organization in which cadets seeking commissions in the U.S. Army may participate in service oriented activities. The George C. Marshall Company co-sponsors the Marshall Awards Conference each year and sends cadets to the A.U.S.A. National Convention in Washington, D.C. Other activities include field trips and guest speakers in addition to regular meetings.

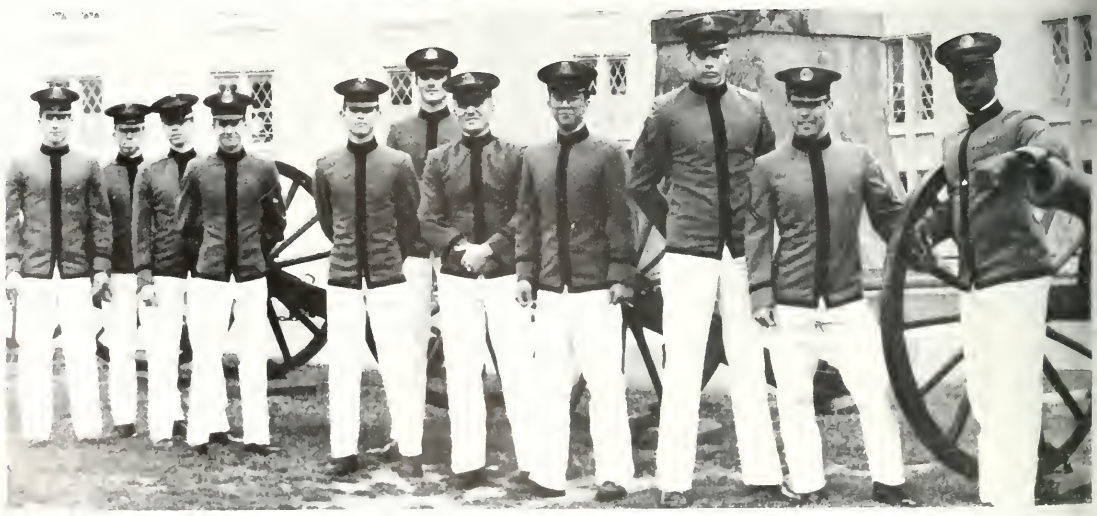
Peter Mangerian
1984-85 President

CADET BATTERY



The Cadet Battery consists of those cadets interested in Field artillery and gunnery. Members learn the operation and maintenance of the 105-mm Howitzer as well as the duties of a gun crew. The Battery performs salutes for visiting dignitaries and other Institute functions. Most of the members in the Cadet Battery seem to get a real "bang" out of the group's activities.

Robert Chapman
1984-85 Battery Commander





MILITARIA SOCIETY

The VMI Militaria Society is a club dedicated to the playing of wargames. These games range from the ancient world to the near future and are both factual and hypothetical. The club members supply the games but others are owned by the club. Dues are also collected to pay for Wargame magazine subscriptions.

Al Miller
1984-85 President



SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB

he Sport Parachute Club is a very ctive organization at the V.M.I. hey sponsor weekly trips, in the ll and spring, to the New River alley Sport Parachute Center in ublin, Va. This year's membership nsists of close to 50 cadets. The lub has its own Square Canopy, a pe of "chute", and is hoping to urchase two more for jumpers ho plan to achieve a status beond Student.

Mike Munson
1984-85 President

NEWMAN CLUB

The Newman Club's goal is to increase Christian fellowship among the cadets of VMI. Weekly dinners are held Saturday nights. Cadets are also encouraged to participate in one of the "encounters with Christ" retreat weekends sponsored by the diocese of Richmond for Virginia college men and women. These weekends are held at several different locations in Virginia. As we grow in friendship, our hope is to grow in faith.



SOCIETY OF YOUNG ECONOMISTS

The Society of Young Economists is an organization whose purpose is to allow students to participate in economic-related activities. These objectives are met through various field trips and society lectures sponsored throughout the year. This year many members of the Society of Young Economists participated in the renewed investment club and thus received applied experience in the use of the stock market.

Thomas Manning
1984-85 President





YOUNG DEMOCRATS

The purpose of the Young Democrats is to enable cadets to have the opportunity to become active in the various political and social aspects of the Democratic Party. The society frequently invites speakers and participates in local Democratic Party functions. The organization strives to encourage the registration of New Voters and to acquire the support of the voters in Democratic ideals.

Jeffrey Golembiewski
1984-85 Chairman



POSIT COMMITTEE

ıe Posit Committee has constantly ived to improve cadet life and e overall image of the V.M.I. It aluates all aspects of cadet life, nducts studies, and makes recom- endations to the Superintendent rough the Commandant. Among e projects we have worked on are e instillation of washers and dry- s, a bicycle storage area, a typing om for cadet use, and improving e academic atmosphere.

CHING PU CHEN
1985 President

SEMPER FIDELIS SOCIETY

The Semper Fidelis Society is a national organization formed by Marines for those college students who are actively pursuing a commission in the United States Marine Corps. The society provides for the Marine contingent of the Corps of Cadets, Marine-oriented activities, and speakers. The society provides the Lexington and Buena Vista areas with community, civic, and charity projects. Such projects include; Toys for Tots, United Way Charity Run, and the Lexington—Buena Vista Roadrace. The 100 man contingent is under the direction and supervision of Captain George E. Rector.

Gerald R. Bessette
1984-85 President



ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY

The Jefferson Scott-Dodson Squadron and the accompanying Angel Flight from Southern Seminary Junior College form the Arnold Air Society of the Virginia Military Institute. As a non-profit organization, the Arnies and Angels assist the local community in service projects such as, the Halloween Party sponsored by the Jaycees for the children of Lexington and surrounding areas, the collection of cans for needy families for Thanksgiving, and taking orphans to home football games. The society's purpose is to create long lasting and beneficial relationships between future Air Force officers and the local civilian population. Club events include weekend visits to other colleges with Arnold Air Societies, parachuting, and attendance at the Area and National Conclaves.

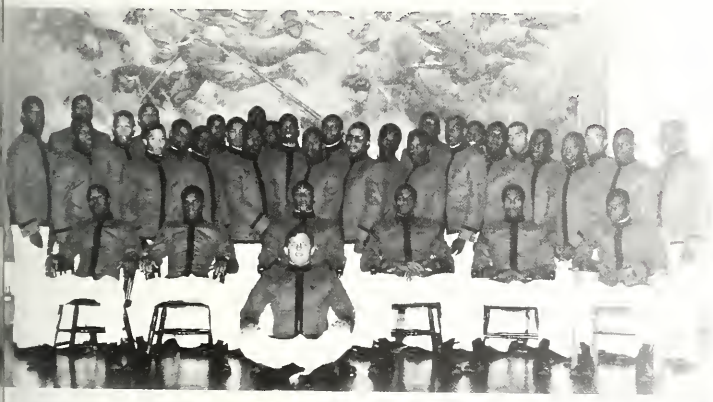
Michael Lakos
1984-85 Squadron Commander



PROMAJI CLUB

ıe Promaji Club was founded to cilitate the lives of the Minority udents at V.M.I. The club has the ajor purpose of maintaining an ceptable coexistence with the orps of Cadets and the Lexington mmunity. The members are in-lved with projects throughout the xington community such as, The ys Club and Churches, and the mmunications Committee within e V.M.I. community.

Lamont Toliver
1984-85 President



GLEE CLUB

The V.M.I. Glee Club is the musical ambassador for the Institute. Its members participate in concerts to entertain the public.

The concert schedule includes exchange concerts with girls' schools, television appearances, and many official Institute activities, such as Parent's Weekend and the Army R.O.T.C. Marshall Awards.

Past highlights have included recording contracts, singing on the steps of the Nation's Capitol, and performing in the National Cathedral.

The Glee Club is open for membership to the entire corps, and numbers approximately 60 cadets.

Kelly Berkhimer



THE 1985 BOMB

Fully realizing the importance of the Centennial edition, the 1985 BOMB staff has endeavored to completely and accurately chronicle the events of the 1984-1985 academic year to the best of its abilities. The 1985 BOMB represents an untold number of hours of dedicated and competent work by the members of the 1985 BOMB. Each section, from the anniversary pages to the index, had to be designed, laid-out, and organized by the various members of the staff. This work, however, would not have been possible without the photography staff whose efforts in the darkroom and all over the post ensured that the year would be fully covered. In the meantime, the business staff was hard at work selling advertisements and books, as well as keeping the BOMB within the limits of its' budget. It is only through the efforts of the entire staff that this book, the 1985 BOMB, is not only a reality but also of the highest-quality that is possible.





FROM THE 1885 BOMB

Perhaps the most fitting introduction to this work would be an apology. The preparation of the BOMB, the pioneer of college annuals in the South, has been attended with many difficulties. We present the result of our labors to the public with little cause for congratulation, but with the consciousness of knowing that what little we have performed is the result of individual effort.

To the Faculty we are indebted for—well, much moral advice and many good wishes; further than this, they have shown no interest whatever in the success of our publication. And right here we would like to offer a suggestion. It is a well known fact among educational institutions that great good can be accomplished by the cooperation of the professors, outside as well as inside the recitation rooms. But with two exceptions, none of our Faculty have ever condescended to attend the literary exercises of our societies. Why is this?

By a generous appropriation from the Board of Visitors of the Institute, we have been able to publish an annual, typographically, at least, a success; and now the BOMB is here with fuse lit and shell charged, prepared to assail the walls of the vulnerable, one and all, without distinction. And if, after the manner of bombs, we are destined to terminate in a "bust," we console ourselves with the reflection that we have had for our targets those who have laid themselves liable to assault, be they whom they may, and for our aim, the welfare and prosperity of our noble Alma Mater.

To those who have assisted us in our work by subscriptions and advertisements, we are deeply grateful; to those whose foibles have afforded us amusement we are also greatly indebted, but to those who are inclined to resent the exposure of their weaknesses, we most respectfully refer

OUR FIGHTING EDITOR.



Third Class section editors John Lightner and Warren Michelsen prepare another page for publication.



Brian Burton checks the proper command to call up the circulation data from the BOMB's computer files.

Brent Hashimoto works in the darkroom in order to keep the BOMB ahead of its photography schedule.





Ken Hirlinger chooses the best picture t use in the Sports section.

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HSC

VMI is located in the center apex of many all-girl schools. Each of these regions comprise the fundamental fourth leg of the VMI stool: The Academic Concentration. The below research team is hard at work at Hollins. Only after proper training and certification is one able to do this type of field work. It is due to the efforts of these organizations that many weekends have worked out better than they would have been otherwise.





Pat Gill, Advertising Manager, contacts a possible advertiser for the next issue of the CADET.



Tim Perez relaxes before writing another story.



THE VMI CADET



The VMI CADET strove this year to inform the Corps about current happenings around post and elsewhere that had an effect at VMI. Through its' circulation, THE CADET was able to reach a wide audience and relate the events that were significant to the Corps. The thoughtful and insightful editorials made "One of America's Last Independent College Newspapers" something to be looked forward to every week.

Randy Ward uses the phone quickly, before the TCFC can come in to place another pizza order.

The CADET staff hard at work Thursday night, preparing the paper for printing the next day.



V.M.I. THEATER

The VMI Theater presented two productions this year. The Fall production was THE NIGHT THOREAU SPENT IN JAIL. The Spring production was GUYS AND DOLLS. Both productions were received well after countless hours of work by cadets, the VMI and Lexington communities. Both plays were produced by Joellen Bland, to whom much of the success is due. The Faculty advisor for the VMI Theater is Colonel Mike Harris.



"Henry worships in the woods."

The cast of The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail.





"Labor on the Sabbath, and the Devil's on Massachusetts!"

"You and God had better believe me!"

"You make it simple!"







CHEERLEADERS

The V.M.I. Cheerleaders is a group of cadets and girls from Southern Seminary Junior College that work to inspire the "Spirit" within the Corps at football and basketball games. They also get the cadets and teams "fired-up" at pep-rallies, and maintain a cheerful attitude throughout the games even in the event of defeat.



Circle K Club



The V.M.I. Circle K Club is one of over 700 clubs nationwide that is a college level of the Kiwanis Club. The club is a community service organization that has been extremely active in the V.M.I., Lexington, and surrounding communities. The club also provides fellowship by interacting with Circle K Clubs at other colleges and universities throughout the state, holding many social events.

GLENN K. FRANK
1984-85 President



adet Program Board

The Cadet Program Board is a committee of nine cadets whose primary purpose is to "improve the social, recreational, and cultural offerings to the Corps." The CPB carries out this function each year by presenting a series of top notch films, lectures, entertainers, dinnershows, and more. The CPB also serves as the Corps representative on the cadet activities committee.

Row 1: Brad Chandler, Creg Harris, John McClain, Tim Armstrong Row 2: Bo Johnson, Kerry Kirk, Jeff Lane, Adam Loveless.

RELIGIOUS COUNCIL BSU

The VMI Religious Council is the cadet organization with the responsibility of helping cadets expand their religious lives. Its purpose is to review requests for official recognition of religious activities at VMI, and requests of recognized religious organizations to attend retreats or other events, as well as coordinate and promote religious activities or functions to be held at the Institute. It is the goal of the council to provide information about what religious opportunities are available to the cadet and to encourage cadet participation. An officer from each organized religious organization such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Canterbury Club, the Navigators, the Baptist Student Union, the Chapel Choir, and the Newman Club is on the council as well as members at large. The Council wishes to represent cadets of all faiths and hopes to enrich the religious atmosphere of the institute through its efforts.

The Baptist Student Union is a non-denominational group which promotes inter-collegate relations through Christian Fellowship. From car washes and canoe trips to fellowship suppers and State Conventions the B.S.U. is geared toward having good clean fun while reaching out to the Corps.

Mike Steen
1985-85 Chairman





S-5 STAFF

The S-5 Staff is that part of the command that is in charge of public relations and recruiting, and during Cadre the S-5 assists a great deal in the counseling of New Cadets. The staff is headed by the Regimental S-5, Augustus G. Shirley. Aiding him are the S-5 Lieutenants from the three Battalions, Mark S. Eubank, Tracy W. Burke, and Karl W. Marks. The rest of the staff consists of almost thirty other cadets from all four classes who give regularly scheduled tours to the public as well as tours for prospective cadets in the Spring. The cadets brief the public on the lifestyle of a V.M.I. Cadet and the history of V.M.I.



FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Atheletes has become, over the last few years, one of the focal points of Christian fellowship here at the Institute. To call the group the Fellowship of Christians would be more exact, for they are made up of varsity athletes, former varsity athletes, men who only play intramurals, and even girls from the neighboring schools. We do share one thing in common and that is to increase in our spiritual growth, and our faith in Christ. FCA is a place to learn about God, praise him, and develop a personal relationship with Him. FCA is a place to see movies, read the Bible, pray, share with others, and most of all, find a true Friend.



WHO'S WHO

Thirty Virginia Military Institute first classmen have been named to the current edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The cadets selected for recognition in the national publication were chosen by a faculty—student committee which considered individual academic and extracurricular achievement and general contributions to VMI.

The selectees are Stanley J. Adamus, Linden, N.J.; Adam C. Babcock, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Mathew S. Brown II, Richmond, Va.; James B. Chartier, Grafton, Ma.; Ching Pu Chen, Placentia, Ca.; Matthew F. Daniel, Richmond, Va.; Thomas J. Emerson, Jr., Siler City, N.C.; Paul C. Gragas, S. Farmingdale, N.Y.; George W. Headley, New Orleans, La.; Brent Hearn II, Medford, N.J.; Stephen L. Heflin, Remington, Va.; Kevin D. Jenkins, Camp Hill, Pa.; Norbert B. Jocz, Blacksburg, Va.; John J. Kaplan, Belleville, N.J.; Kerry D. Kirk, Elliston, Va.; Michael J. Lamore, Virginia Beach, Va.; Peter H. Mangerian, Fairport, N.Y.; Daniel W. Murphy, Cincinnati, Oh.; Perry T. Patterson, Spartanburg, S.C.; Devin S. Roddenburg, Longwood, Fl.; Thomas J. Roltsch, Dumfries, Va.; John E. Rose, Claysville, Pa.; William M. Sergeant, Millboro, Va.; John M. Shimotsu, Culver City, Ca.; A. Graham Shirley II, APO N.Y.; Paul M. Shoemaker, Blairstown, N.J.; David T. Smith, Colonial Heights, Va.; David E. Stinette, Lynchburg, Va.; David A. Twillie, Little Rock, Ar.; Barton G. Williams, New Bern, N.C.





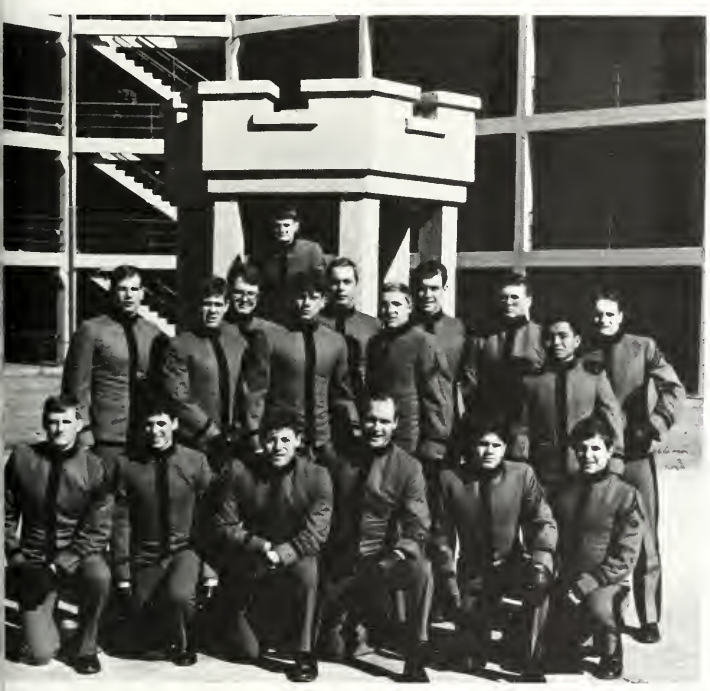
A.C.S.

The purpose of the American Chemical Society is to expose the chemistry program by organizing guest speakers, and offering students an opportunity to attend chemistry functions outside V.M.I. The various lectures organized by the ACS give students the chance to listen to some of the foremost chemists in the nation speak on a wide variety of chemical topics. The ACS also aids its members by providing information on employment and graduate schools.

GLENN FRANK
1984-85 Presiden

CE SOCIETY

The Civil Engineering Society of VMI is a new organization on Post that seeks to encourage academic and social achievement. Its 25 members are all first and second classmen. The CES is primarily a service organization, hoping to help Civil Engineers to do better in their studies and to take a more active role in the extracirricular activities offered at VMI.



PHI KAPPA PHI

Phi Kappa Phi is an honor society that recognizes superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. Admission into Phi Kappa Phi is by invitation only and requires both distinguished scholarship and good character and criteria for membership. The VMI Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is a fairly recent addition to the number of select colleges and universities nationwide that have active chapters.



OGA



The purpose of the Officer of the Guard Association is to create and maintain an environment conducive to the success of the cadets and the corps at V.M.I. The OGA is an agency of the class system and is responsible to the first class president. The function of the OGA is to facilitate communication, harmony, and discipline at V.M.I. Only First Class privates are members of the OGA.

MATT HENDERSON
President
1984-85 OGA



he Institute of Electrical and Elec-
onic Engineers was founded in 1884
ith Alexander Graham Bell and
homas Edison among its charter
embers. Today the IEEE is the lar-
st technical professional engineer-
g society in the world. This interna-
onal organization is dedicated to
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oreast with todays rapid growing
chnology.

Steve Motylinski
1984-85 President

IEEE



CWRT

The Civil War Roundtable is a group of cadets who demonstrate how the Corps of Cadets lived, dressed, and drilled during the New Market Period (The Civil War). It also represents V.M.I. at functions which pertain to the role of the Institute in the War Between the State. The Civil War Roundtable is active in the Battle of New Market in which the Corps of Cadets participated, in 1864.

John McConnell
1984-85 President



TANKER PLATOON

The VMI Tanker Platoon allows interested cadets to get hands-on training as a member of an armor platoon. The focal point of the platoon is the Army ROTC detachment's five M48A5 tanks. Cadets train in all aspects of tank warfare to include gunnery, tactics, and maintenance.

Chris Smith
1984-85
Platoon Commander



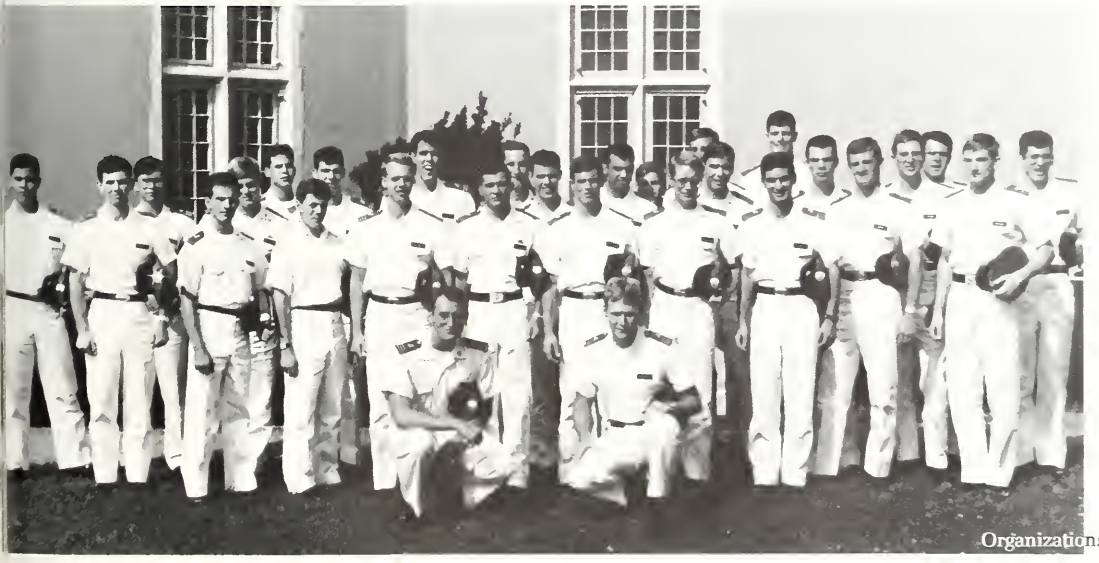
PISTOL TEAM

The VMI Pistol Team had a winning season this year, highlighted by many individual trophies as well as placing at several meets. The team, no longer open strictly to Naval ROTC cadets, looks forward to many winning seasons to come.



FIRE FIGHTERS

VMI is located in the center of a region of National Parks. The VMI firefighters are available to help fight the forest fires that occur often in these parks. Only after proper training and certification, is one able to fight fires. It is due to the efforts of this organization that many fires have not been as bad as they could have been.



HOP AND FLOOR

The Hop and Floor committee worked again this year to make VMI's social events successful and smooth-running. Besides decorating Cocke Hall for every hop, the committee contracted the bands and sold the tickets in order to ensure that the VMI Hop was an event to be looked forward to and enjoyed by the Corps and their dates alike.







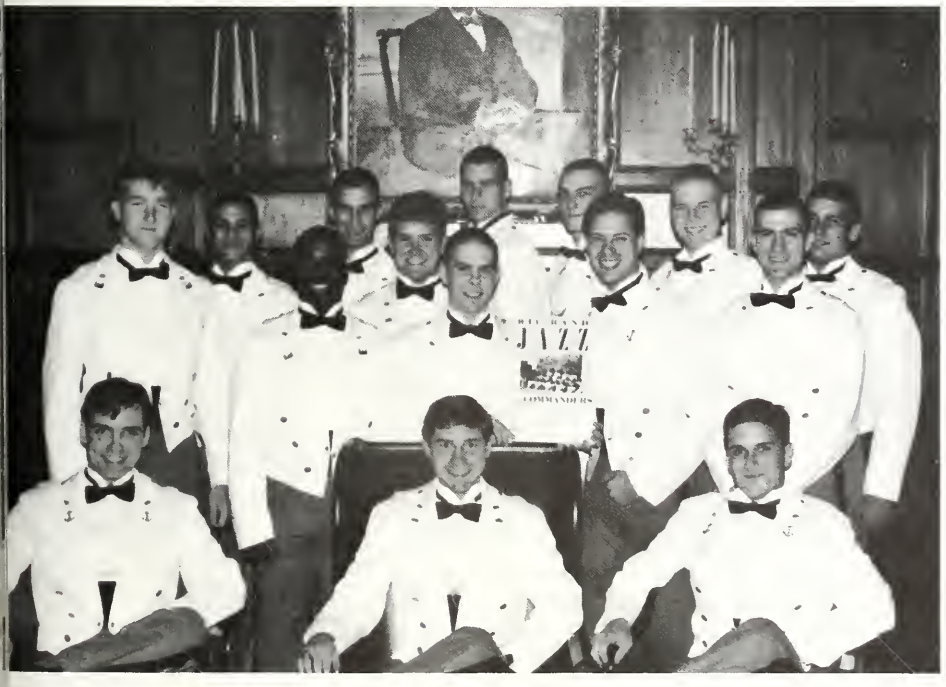
'MI is fortunate enough to be ocated within close access to many ifferent outdoor recreation areas. 'he Cadet Recreation Committee vorked again this year help cadets njoy outdoor activities. By provid- ng everything from tents for over- ight camping trips to skis for the lopes, the CRC makes it possible for nany cadets to get away from the nstitute for a while and relax in the eautiful Virginia countryside.

CRC



COMMANDERS

VMI's stage band, the Commanders have played this year at various functions at the Institute and elsewhere. The Commanders work has brought the "big band" sound to Homecoming Weekend and Ring Figure 1986, to name a couple of the many times in which the Corps was able to enjoy their performances.





BREAKOUT '88

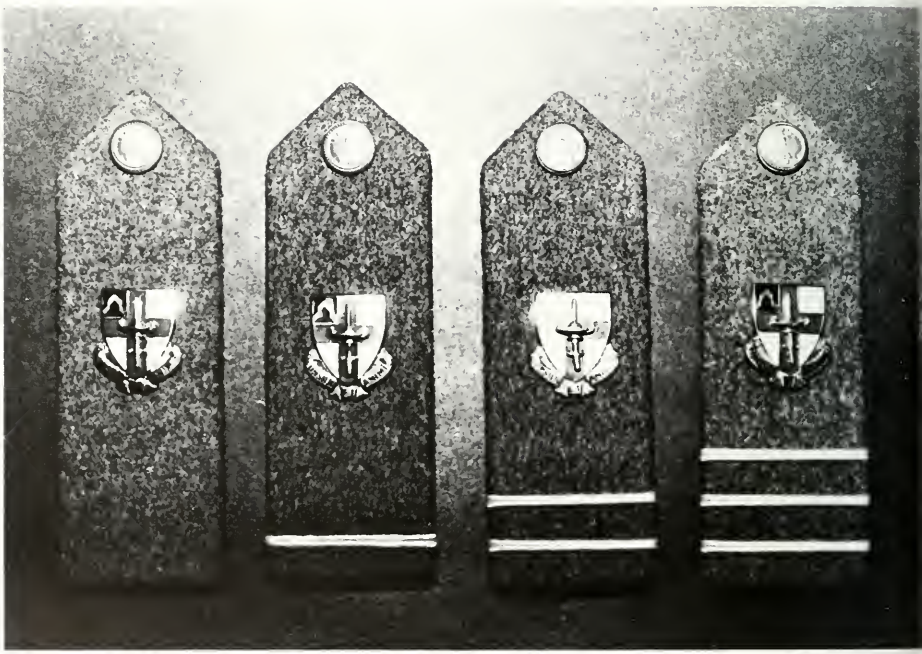
Break-out for the Class of 1988 took place on February 15, 1985. For the first time, the event took place on a Friday instead of the traditional Wednesday that has characterized breakouts in the past. Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 1988.

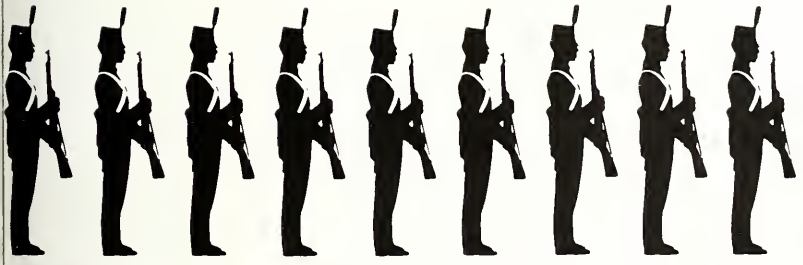












First Class
Second Class
Third Class
Rats



CLASSES

James A. Tribble
Shawn P. Oliver
John E. McConnell
Warren W. Michelsen
John F. Lightner
Greg C. Gooch
Chris A. Clark

THE CLASS OF 1985

The flickering flame at the end of the tunnel grows more bright as each day begins, ends. This tunnel, which has been undeniably long and dangerously dim, is a hill steep course, a dark run filled with pushing and panting, even panicking as a lonely few drop ... stampeded, some to recover; some never will.

The light is not more than the spark of a firefly, yet it's magnified as each day conquers darkness' dungeon. And more than a spark, it rages like a star, a burning sun that, for the sake of boldness, peers no more in this tunnel.

No, upon reaching the open-ness, that cautious sun, whose filtered bright light lures men onward, will burst open a bathing sea of blinding awareness, glorious. Sunglasses are recommended

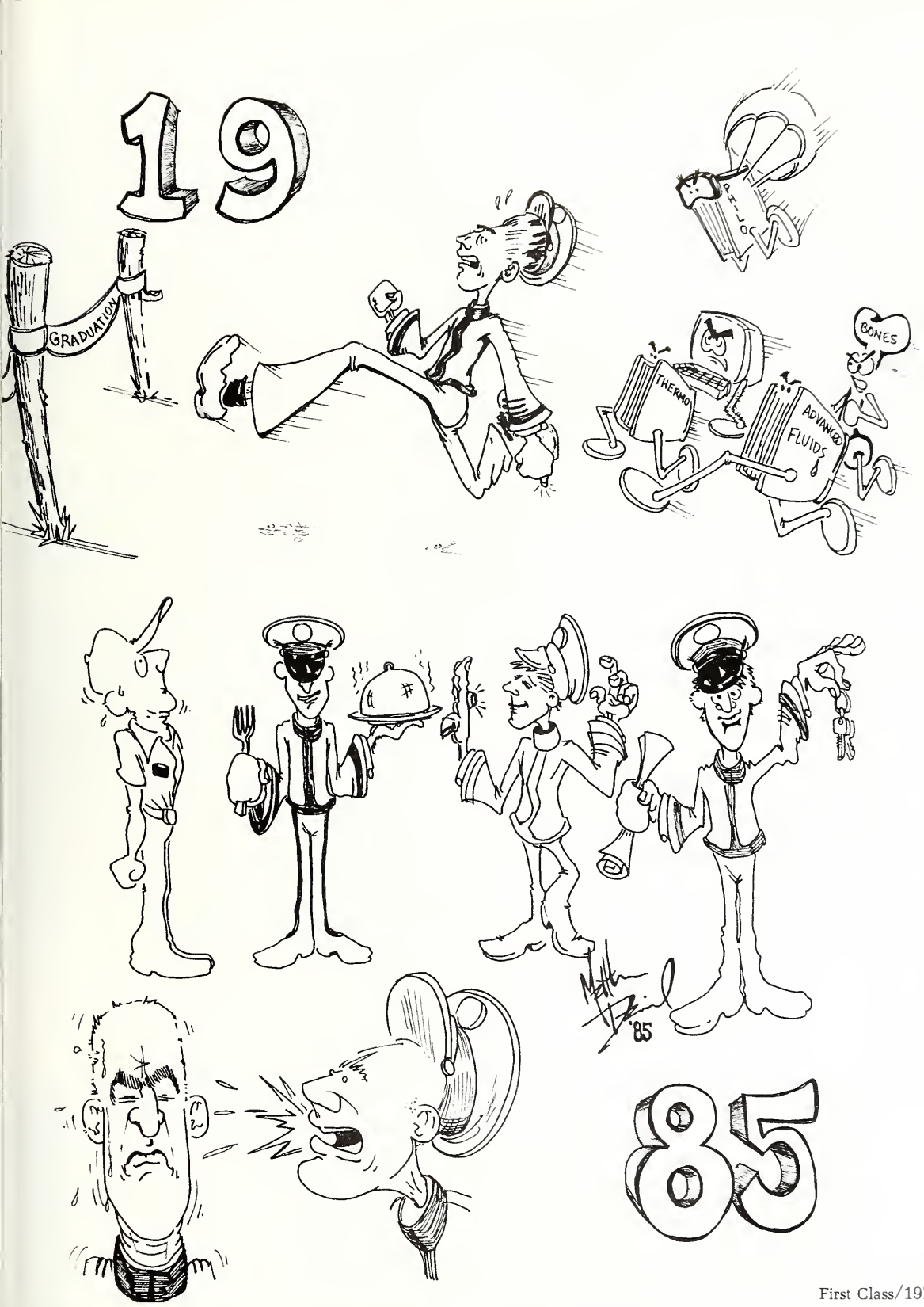
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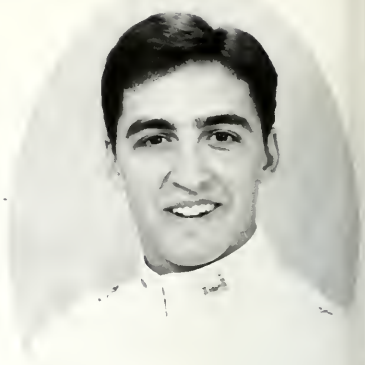
John J. Lee
Vice-President

Matthew F. Daniel
Historian


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GRADUATION
THERMO
ADVANCED FLUIDS
BONES
'85
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JOHN LAWRENCE ADAMS
"Grit, J.A., Smiley, Townie, John"
Lexington, Va.
Civil Engineering—Special Student

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; A.S 4,3; Scholarship 3; Special Student; M.S. 2,1; M.S. Special Student; Commandants List 4,3,2,1; Dead Trip 3,2,1; Conduct Prob 2; No. 1 Club 2; Beers 4,3,2,1; Ghetto 3,2; Sinks 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Distribution Editor VMI Cadet 1; EC/GC Secretary 1; East Lex Ranger

"Integrity has no need of rules."
Albert Camus

Well, its been a long 4 years here at the "I". Everyone always said it would go by fast and I'm glad I didn't listen to them. There were many good times such as Summer, Spring Break, Christmas, Roadtrips, Midnight Beer Runs, Grateful Dead Concerts, Amnesty Parties, etc. There were countless bad times: the Founder's Day Massacre, confinement, P.T.'s, coming back for cadre first class year to get a few extra days furlough only to get a 2 month prison sentence. But I have to say the good times outweigh the bad times due to the fact that I have made many lifelong friends here. Stench, Bone, Nuge, Kurt Buckethead, and the rest of you guys: you all know the true meaning of the word brother rat unlike some of the yes-men in this place of higher education. To my parents, Mom thanks for the meals and Dad thanks for trying to understand and Physics wasn't really that bad. I know I have embarassed you all in the past but thanks for being there when I needed advice. To my dyke Jim, it'll go by fast. Finally to my grandfather, even though you never got your VMI diploma, my diploma will be for the both of us.
Goodbye VMI

"There is a road, no simple highway,
between the dawn and the dark of night,
and if you go, no one may follow;
that path is for your steps Alone"
—Hunter-Garcia

Dykes 1982: Byron Welsh
Rats: Jim Cottrell

STANLEY JOSEPH ADAMUS
"Stash"
Linden, New Jersey
History, German—Marine Corps

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Mst. Sgt/Sgt 2, Plt Lt. 1; Cadre 3,2; Rat Training 3,2,1; CWRT 4,2,1; CBC 4; Marine Detachment 2,1; MAC's Foreign-born Leprechaun 4; Member of "The Family" 2,1

Life here at the Mother "I" was definitely less than ideal. Life spent here became congested with heartaches, depressions, meeting never-ending, and sometimes unfair deadlines. She demanded a lot, I gave her my all. She liked it, and wanted more. For that, I will always love my Teacher and Disciplinarian whom I affectionately call Mother "I". I cannot begin nor put into words the love and gratitude I have for my parents. They answered my doubts and despair with help and great unspoken confidence and pride. To my blood-brother Phil, what can I say or where can I begin? For your help and love I can only answer by offering a simple Thank-You Buddy and unreservingly give my love, happiness and life at the first signalling. To Todd, Kevin, "George", and all the other animals I affectionately call Brother Rats—Thanks for changing my life for the better. Semper Fi, Stash Stan is a very complex person. He is a ball of incongruities. The person most people saw was the callous, street tough, hard guy from Jersey. As a Cpl and Mst Sgt he was outstanding. When working with the rats, he was at his best. But the few he called friends, knew him better. Stan let his guard down for some of us. Inside was an intelligent, warm, and special individual. For good friends, there wasn't anything he wouldn't do. VMI taught Stan to roll with the punches. The "I" dealt Stan a bad card occassionally but he always bounced back. Now it's time to move on and I know Stan will succeed at whatever he does because he always has—he's a fighter? Always friends! PAG

Dykes 1982: Ron "Mac" McGovern
Rats: Mike "Pilsbury" Clegg, Fred "Ferres" Ferares

ROBERT MICHAEL ADKINS
"Mule, Elum, TD, Rooster, Mike"
Petersburg, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Army

Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Rugby 3; 1985 Ring Design Committee 2; Ring Construction Comm. 2; QW-JAM 1; Ski Club 3,1; ASME 2,1; Mini Baja 1985 2,1; The Number One Club 3

Well I finally made it! This has been the slowest four years of my life; but oddly enough the four most memorable. I will never forget all the good times we had in 349, 249 and 149; and I look forward to more good times with my friends after graduation in Moody (or "The Shed").
My co-dyke and roommate for the past 3 years, cool ass, Big Ed, it's been real and it's been nice; but it hasn't been real nice! Mike, you know the deal! Tag team roommates first class year! I'm sure neither of us will forget that match, "Youngster". I'm sorry you didn't make it back for last year. We got lucky though; the "Monkey" took your spot. I don't think we could have adopted a better 5 year man for a BR! TD's the three of us! We'll never learn!
There just isn't enough room to summarize four long years of VMI. I found it hard to bear VMI and wondered if it was worth it as a RAT, but now that it's behind me I'm glad I stuck it out. All the confinement as a second; Ring Figure what a "blast", huh fellas? Definitely a blast! Quimby, Williams—Johnson, Adkins, Mitchell—the QW-JAM—How can we ever forget jammin' there [after the checks]! That was the only thing that made VMI bearable. All that fun and snapper at the QW-JAM is what kept us going. Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandad, what can I ever say or do to ever thank you enough for your support, prayers, advice, money, food boxes, credit card calls . . . it's a never ending list. The most important was your love. I wouldn't have made it without my two best friends—Mom and Dad, I love you both! All I can offer is my diploma! I made it!

—MA

Dykes 1982: Curtis "Sugar Legs" Southern
Rats: Franklin Todd Robinson













HARRY EVANS ALLEN III
"Sasquatch, A—H—E!, Harr"
Zachary, Louisiana
Electrical Engineering—Navy

IEEE 2,1; Tanker Plt 2,1; Scouter Club 2,1 (VPres); Timmons 4,3,2,1 (VPres); Canturbury Club 3,2,1 (VPres); PVT 4,3,2; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Old Mens Club 58; F CO 4,3,2; I CO 1; NEW MARKET DEATH MARCH 3

Harry was born to the genteel life, with fine Old World Manners and an eye for fine food, clothing, and women. In spite of these drawbacks I find I still like the man. He has been able to survive 4 years of nose jokes, height jokes, and night crawling. The absurdity of barracks life may have bent him, but it could not break him, and the 4 year academic Rat Line may have left him scarred but whole. I will now end this eulogy by wishing him a long and happy life. CAS

Harry has been an indispensable friend. His confidence building and tutoring helped me in considering responsibilities in the Corps and surviving a year of physics 207-208. A connoisseur of classical music, a loyal Eagle Scout, and a staunch Episcopalian, Harry has furthered the good name of the Corps through his community efforts. Despite obstacles in his preferences for service selection, I am confident that his professionallism and enthusiasm will serve him well wherever he is in the fleet. Godspeed. JMS

These have been four truly unique years and without my many friends and roommates I probably would not have made it. This experience has probably been good for me but I will be glad when it is over. John and Chris I wish you the best. HEA III

As my time with Harry closes, I find need only to inform him of our support at all times. D'Artagnan had no better friends than this man. DPW

Dykes 1982: W.B. Walker
Rats: D.B Copeland

DAVID RANDOLPH AMES, JR.
"Aimless, Amesless"
Richmond, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Baseball 4, Projects Resident 2,1; Rugby 2,1; IEEE 2,1; VMI Escort Staff 2,1; Circle K Secretary 2,1; VMI Dive Club 2,1

All My life I have been climbing the Great Pyramids. I began with the easy ones of the elementary and middle schools. Each time I reached the apex, my elation would only last a short time for I would soon be thrust to the base of the next. High school was a tough one. It had so many ups and downs. However, nothing has compared to this one I am on now. As I near the pinnacle I realize it has been worth it. It is certainly one I won't forget. I respect, cherish, appreciate and love those who never pushed me skyward, but would always be around if I slipped too much and started to fall. You know who you are. There are those who climbed with me and there are those who tried to impede my travels. Well, I would like to say something to the latter. Nice try fellas. I appreciate people like you also, because the world is full of people like you. Thank you family and friends. I'm off to climb a bigger pyramid.

Dykes 1982: Dave "Scotch" Sills
Rats: Steve "Friar" Tuck

TYRON ROBERTS ARNOLD
"Tyke, Waymond"
Roanoke, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

Private 4,3,2,1; Softball 4,3; FCA 3,2,1; Religious Council 1, IEEE 2,1; Garbagemen 1; SCSC

First of all, I would like to thank God for giving me the strength and courage to get through VMI, for without him I never would have made it. Dad and Mom, without your love, prayers and support life would not have been as meaningful at VMI. Words cannot express my love and gratitude for you. Misty, keep your nose in the books and out of the bedpans. You are all a guy could ask for in a sister. Matt, Pete, Todd, Dave, Vic, Jeff, Steve, Danks and Hayden—Thanks for being great roommates and helping ease the pains and pressures. Mr and Mrs. Dalton, Debbie and Cindi, thanks for the moral support which I truly needed—you will always hold a special place in my heart. There are so many others who deserve to be recognized, but there aren't enough spaces available. To all of the members at my church—thanks for your prayers and concern, I love you all.

"We rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces
endurance, and endurance produces
character, and character produces hope"
Romans 5:3-4

Dykes 1982: Chad King
Rats: Bobby Clark









WILLIAM KIP ARTHUR
"Stretch, T.I.P."
Newton, New Jersey
History—Army

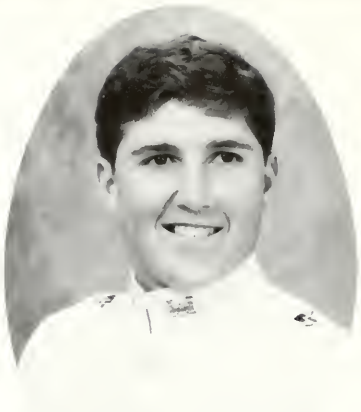
Private 4,3,2,1; F Company 4,3,2,1; Ghetto 4, Fierce Fighting 55 3,2,1; International Relations Club; VMI Firefighters; Ring Figure OD; Sport Parachute Club; Cadet Battery; Dean's List 3,1

"All hope abandon, ye who enter here"—sometimes it seems a more appropriate inscription for Jackson Arch. Instead you'll find Jackson's words, "You may be whatever you resolve to be."Resolution is the key to success at VMI where the temptations to quit are great. "Up the hill of science"is right; there is no down hill stretch at VMI. But there are friends who encourage hope and support your resolutions. To these friends, especially Gary and Devin (a.k.a. Klein and Roddenberry), I shall always be indebted. Outside of VMI, I wish to thank my family for their support these four years. To the one other person who has influenced my cadetship, I also give my thanks, though it will probably never be understood or appreciated. From the Institute will soon graduate the class of 1985—the remainder of the 443 matriculants of August 1981, the survivors of a real ratline and four years of VMI academics, military, and athletics—to these, my brother rats, I wish the best of luck and hope they find the happiness we all seek. You only go around once—unless it's parade practice then you go around at least twice

"But we . . . shall be remembered:
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne're so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition."
Henry V Act IV Scene III

"We are the last of our race, let us be
the best as well."
General Jo Shelby, CSA
"The Undefeated"

Dykes 1982: Cliff Rockwell
Rats: Doug Wishart



BRYAN JOHN AUGSBURGER
"Augie"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Private 4,3,2,1; IEEE 1; Baseball 4,3,2,1; All Southern Conference 3, 2nd Team All Southern Conference, All State 2

I look back and only yesterday it seems some corporal was shouting in my face, calling me "Goldilocks". That hair didn't last for long, but when I look back, neither did the ratline nor my tenure at VMI. I'll be glad when it's all over, but I'll remember a lot of special friends and good times that come with the VMI experience. Only someone from VMI can truly know what this "experience" really is. Words cannot describe it. You can tell someone all day long about VMI, but he will never fully understand it unless he goes through VMI himself. I am glad however that I only have to "experience" it once..

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my Mother and Father for their love and support while at the "I" and throughout my life. I would also like to thank all my relatives and friends for everything they have done for me. And with this I close, "Bye-Bye VMI"

Dykes 1982: John Friend
Rats: Rob Mitchell



ADAM CHRISTOPHER BABCOCK
"Babs"
Dover, Delaware
Economics/Spanish—Air Force

Illegal Car Club 4,3,2; Cpl. 3; Reg. S-4 Sgt. 2; 1st Batt. S-4 Dive Club Treasurer; Investment Club 1; RMWC Club 4,3 Commanders 4,3; Porsche Club 1; Illegal Pet Club 4,3,2 Bahamas Trip 2; 3rd Lt. Program 2; Sigma Delta Pi 2,1; Calcul II 3,2,1

What does a Texan and a Rhode Islander have in commo You're Air Force, I'm Marine Corps. You hate running, I lo it. That's what makes us friends though. We both like the i portant things: Beer, Girls, Jets. Adam has a lust for the best life (i.e. Porsche 944) and the know-how to g them. —GRB

Babs is a man with goals and the determination to see th fulfilled. I've watched him do it and I know he will continue do so. Best of luck —KL

I'll always remember that night in Freeport when Babs reach out and sealed a friendship that will last as long as the Virgir hills, where it all began back in August '81. We were alwa different, but seem to have a good time anyway. "This is r the beginning of an end, but the end of a beginning." My D once said that Babs is the kinda' guy you visit at his Louisia ranch . . . Hey Babs, see you in Louisiana! —B Hard

It's easy to write about friends, but tough to briefly describe r own VMI experience. It has been regulated, it has been diffe ent, but VMI has given me the opportunity to pursue and rea my goals. If you mix enough Goshen, 4 wheel drive, road tri and friends into the school part—it works out just right in t end. Thanks, everybody. —ACB

Dykes 1982: Steve Morgan
Rats: Dave Sullivan, Chris Goerner









CHARLES EDMUND BAKER, JR.
"Mr. Happy, CPO Frogman"
Westlake, Ohio
Civil Engineering—Navy

Cadet Assistant 3,2, MGR. 1; Circle K Club 3,2, Treas 1, Glee Club 3,2, VP 1; NROTC Pistol TM 4,3; Drill Team 2; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Red Cross Blood Mobile 4,3,2; Ring Figure Comm 2; Dean's List 4; Religious Council 3; Newman Club 4,3; Cpl 3, Sgt 2; Batl S-4 1; NROTC 4,3,2,1

I came to VMI an ambitious Navy man striving for a commission. I heard it would change me and make me a mature man. I was, at first disappointed. VMI did not give me honor, integrity or the courage to approach my goals—my father did. VMI did not teach me the sincerity to accept my best or the strength to change what is not right—my mother did. Glenn, you proved to me that I was capable of forgiving my worst critic—myself.

Mollie, you woke up a love in me that I thought God wanted left asleep. You put into the otherwise perfunctory pursuit of my goals a human element which has made me a much richer man.

So what about VMI? Had I not come here, I would not have found the beautiful woman who will soon be my wife, or the fellows who are the best true friends I ever had. Most of all, VMI taught me to rely on everything everyone else has given me. I'm on the threshold of a whole new life, and it scares me to death. Knowing I can learn a little from every person I know, though, proves to me that I am never alone. I thank the Lord for every person I've come to know here, for they have made me into what VMI calls the TOTAL MAN.

Gene and Tony, I am far from wise enough to offer advice but shake as many hands as you can and your world will get small enough to handle.

Dykes 1982: Alan Ewell
Rats: Gene Davidson and Tony Davila



CHRIS C. BALDERSON
"Baldo I, Sloan, Rackerson, Billybo"
Kinsale, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Navy

Private 4,3,2,1; IEEE 3,2,1; Hop and Floor 2,1; OGA 1; Charter Member Club "11" 3,2,1

While surviving a mere existence here at the "I", I have learned a lot about myself and this great bunch of guys I call my "brother rats". Reflecting back, it's easy to remember all the good times, but digging deeper we find the bare essence of our togetherness. We can all reminisce about our bad experiences. It is for these bad times that I'm especially thankful for because they have helped me to make bonds that will last a lifetime. Among these, I want to particularly thank BOB, DARYLE, WES, and JOHN. We have come a long way, Thanks for the support. To Mom and Dad, I want to say I would have never made it without you! Thanks for the encouragement when I needed it and the tight reigns when I strayed. Thanks for being there. I LOVE YOU BOTH. To Jackie and Emmett, my thanks for putting up with me and my stuff these past two years. To Tammy, words cannot express what I really feel for you. I feel lucky to have found someone like you. You've had to put up with a lot since we met; confinement, cruise, furloughs, etc. You took it all with flying colors. I know we will both cherish our memories forever. I LOVE YOU! While I've had fun at VMI, I want to lastly thank God that it's finally over with.

Dykes 1982: Dave "Scotch" Sills
Rats: Bob Hildebrand



ROBERT STEWART BALDWIN
"Baldo II, Bob"
Hanover, Maryland
B.S. Biology

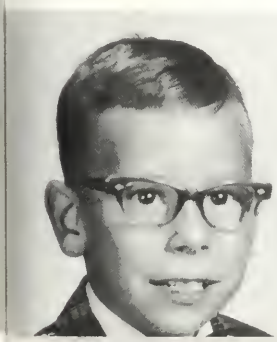
Varsity Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Cadet Bowling Team 4,3,2,1; Robert P. Carroll Scholarship 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Athletic Trainer 4,3; Charter Member Club "11" 3,2,1

Since as long as I can remember, VMI was where I wanted to get my education. I'm not sure that I made the right choice, but I do know that I didn't make the wrong one. It was a hard struggle to go from a Rat to a 1st Classman, but the climb has been very prosperous. I have made friends that I will never forget, but none of them are more cherished than my roommates, Chris, Cary, and John, who have made my experience all worth while. I encountered many hardships here at VMI, but my Mom and Dad were always just a phone call away when I needed them. They have supported me now for a long time, and I love them dearly for all they have done. My Grandfather, Dr. Martin D. Delaney, Class of 1928, was also a great inspiration for me to follow in his footsteps by getting a VMI diploma. If it were not for him, I would not be where I am today.

I would like to thank all my friends from home, mainly Julie, who have kept my mailbox free of cobwebs, and were always there when I needed them most. I just hope that someday I can return all the love and kindness to all the people whom have given me theirs during my time at VMI. I would like to wish all of my Brother Rats Good Luck, and may God bless and watch over everyone, always.

"I've been searchin' so long to find an answer,
Now I know my life has meaning."—Chicago

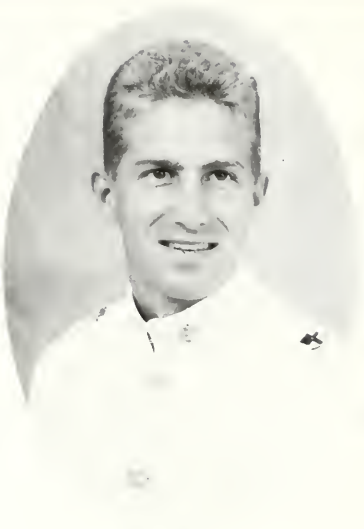
Dykes 1982: Ron Mecredy
Rats: Frank Del Barto, Ted Wilkinson

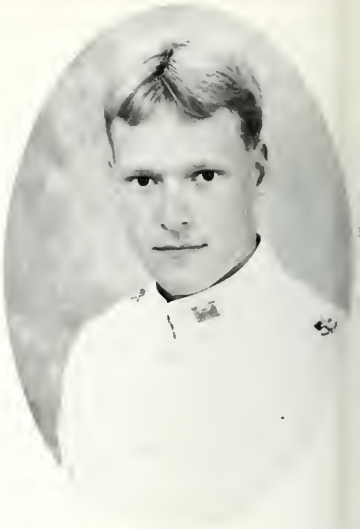












STEPHEN JOSEPH BARCIK III

"Stevie, Shortie, Chief, Bard*"
Kingwood, Texas and Holmdel, New Jersey
Mechanical Engineering

Ring Construction, Scuba, International Relations, ASME, Private 4,3,2,1.

VMI is pleasure and pain, happy memories and nightmares and one of the hardest undertakings of my life. I thank and give all my love to my family, Mom, Dad, Stephanie and my Grandparents Barcik and Pritchard. Thanks for the letters, food boxes, encouragement, Parents Weekend, cash, clothes, gas, car, love, and being there when I needed you.
To all my friends Daryl, Paul, Mike, Mule, Kurt, Scott, John, Kevin, Hanger, and Tommy. These folks don't ever sleep until they're passed out in the street, all the luck in the world and may you be free of all who hindered you for their own profit. Times with you guys have been and will continue to be the best. Just like a nine Mile Skid on a Ten Mile Ride. What I want to know is where does the time go?

"We're standing on the beach and the sea will
part before me, fire wheel burning in the air.
You follow me and we will ride to glory way
up in the middle of the air. And I'll call out
thunder and speak the same and my work fills
the sky with flame. And might and glory
gonna be my name."

Bob Weir John Barlow

Reason is lost and Justice gone and the ratline dead.

I must see the New Commandant at 0900 tomorrow morning for enforcing the ratline.

Dykes 1982: Rob Robinson F Rosenthal
Rats D Kirk Wade

DAVID THOMAS BARTHOL

"Spicolli, Big Dave, Woodstock, Gary Larson"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

Cadre Cpl 3; Mst. Sgt 2; Reg. Color Sgt 2; 2nd Bn S-1 1; Rugby 3; Scuba Club 2,1; ASCE 2,1; Ring Design Comm; SCSC 2; Victor Bernet Fan Club 3,2,1; USMC Marathon 1; Dean's List 3,2; Academically Undistinguished 4; Cadet Assistant 4; NROTC scholarship 2,1

When I first arrived at VMI my favorite material possession was lost on the Barber Shop floor. RDC president Russ Stewart put things in the right perspective when he said the key word is "SACRIFICE". I have grown to realize that four years of Military school life is a small price to pay for the best college degree available. As a second and third classman my sacrifice was in the form of free time. That period of my cadetship can be summed up in one quote by Davie Bowie—"I don't want to go out I just want to stay in . . . and get things done." I foresee my first class year as another year of hard work but considerably more social activity. As for adulation I would like to thank my roommates for tolerating my horizontal humor and stink foot.

Dykes 1982: Chris Devens
Rats: Dave Baker

ROBERT G. BASS, JR.

"Trout"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,2,1; Cpl 3; Firefighters 2,1; Investors Club 2,1; Rugby 1; College Republicans 2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; Sport Parachute Club 1

They say there are harder schools to get into but not many are as hard to endure. Arriving with few convictions four years ago, I have defined my road much more clearly through the experiences I have encountered here at VMI. I thank my parents, Mike C, Kevin F, Schwitter, JS, and my other roommates and friends who have given me these experiences. I can't say that i'm not ready to move on but this has undoubtedly been the best way that I could have spent these past few years of my life.
A lot of changes in VMI and the ratline have been implemented during my short stay here. I know that this has been an area of traditional controversy, but I sincerely hope that "despite" these recent changes VMI will continue to be the most challenging military school in the nation and maintain it's respectable standing in society

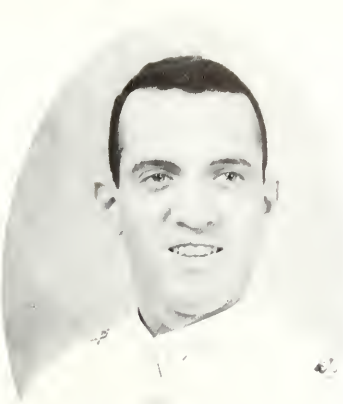
Dykes 1982: David Gallalec
Rats: Peter Heisey













HAYDEN WALLACE BAYER
"H, DA Bull"
Norfolk, Virginia
English-French—Army

oxing 3,2,1; Swimming, Tennis 4; head Airborne Librarian 1; nglish Society, Cadet Staff 4; Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; Lt 1

h my parting remarks I will not do anything but to give thanks o VMI. Whereas some found it hard to deal with the seemingly nlimited rules and restrictions, I felt I was able to progress nd thrive here. Like no other place, VMI can give those who ish to better themselves infinite possibilities to do so. I am lad I was able to realize that while still here. The personal chievements which I've accomplished here, though not great, ave given me the self-confidence and determination to take on hatever the "real world" has to offer.

would like to thank my parents for giving me the chance to ke advantage of everything here. I would also like to thank at special person who has been through it with me all the ay, without you I wouldn't have had the desire to make it

ykes 1982: Buddy Briesmaster
Rats: Dan Wheeler

JAMES PATRICK BEGLEY III
"Bagel Head, Begs, Jimbo"
Wilmington, Delaware
History—Army

Rat 4; Pvt. 3; Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Bn. Adjutant 1; Rifle Team 2,1; Karate Club 2; Young Republicans 1; Ranger Platoon 1

The years one spends at VMI are beyond expression with mere words. It seems so long since we, the Class of '85 walked through the matriculation line, but it was only four short years ago. There have been many good times and bad; many times when we felt like Chef and said, "---- it! Let's get some mangoes!"

First, I would like to thank my family, especially my Mother, for all their love and support. I would also like to thank all my good friends at the local schools for providing the opportunities to get away from the "T". Most of all, I thank my Brother Rats for all the help and support they have given me. Even now, we remember the one word Russ Stewart told us on our first night as rats, that was the only way we could make it through VMI—sacrifice. I wish the best of luck to all my B.R.'s in their future careers.

Dykes 1982: Doug Burch
Rats: Mike Bryant, Joe King

FRANK KELLY BERKHIMER
"Franky, Alfie"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History—Navy

Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 3, Dept. Sec. 2, Pres 1; S-5 Tour Guide 3,2; Scuba Club 3; Ski Club 3; Trainer 4,3,2; Cadet Asst. 2,1; Color Guard 2; Sport Parachute Club 2,1; Commanders 1; Layreader 3,2; Pvt. 4,3,2; 1st Sgt. 1; Summer School 4,3; Rat Training 1

I have spent hours thinking about what I can write that will seem sentimental, yet educated. But since I'm not having any luck, let me just say I'm happy I chose to come to VMI. But now I'm even happier to be leaving.

Mom, Dad, Lee, Tim, Kirk and Leigh, I can't say thank you enough for what you have all done for me in the last four years, so let me just say I love you all very much.

Virginia, we have the rest of our lives together, and I am looking forward to spending my life with you. I love you very much

Pete and Marty, I led you the first year, but now you're on your own. Just because I've graduated doesn't mean I won't be around if you need help. Make the class of '88 the best.

I love you all.

Dykes 1982: John Carvil and room 150
Rats: Peter Bernstein, Marty May













VICTOR JOSEPH BERNET
"Chickenhawk, Wick, Owlman, Pudley"
Richmond, Virginia
B.S. Biology—Army ROTC

Pvt 4,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Distinguished in General Merit; Dean's List; Hop and Floor Committee 4,3,2,1; Cadet Asst. 1; SCSC; Army ROTC Scholarship; Carroll Hall Inhabitant; The GarbageMen; Drunken Mountain Fan Club

Martin, you warned me about this place, but I came anyway. Yet, thanks to your initial advice and Neal's guidance my Rat year, I was able to have a pretty successful cadetship. Also, I will never forget my roommates Dave, Pete and Todd. We had a lot of great times together, and I'll always cherish your friendships. Now, most importantly, I thank my parents for supporting me through these past four years. You were always there for me, good times and bad. Oh yeah, Lyndia thanks for those super food boxes. You're the best sister-in-law a guy could have. Finally, I would like to thank God for watching over me these past years. The best of luck to all my brother rats and my dykes.

Dykes 1982: Neal Rogers
Rats: John Rogan Ancona; Tung Phan

BENJAMIN LEWIS BERRY
"Botto, Bentley"
Elmira, New York
History—Army

Pvt 4,3,2,1, Visiting Scholars Program at CCC; Hollins Weekend Club

Looking back on the time I've spent at VMI it is clear that I've had my share of setbacks and disappointments. Although it hasn't been the greatest time I can remember, I can say that I've never met better people than those who are my friends. There are so many who have made my stay here happy. I want to thank Chris and Mac for keeping me out of trouble, and Ski for keeping my sense of humor. It is easy to pick out a few times during the 4 years here which can be looked at as memorable but I would rather think of the future. Four years is a short period in comparison to the many years that remain. I hope I get the chance to experience the real Army. I hope my expectations are going to be met. Most of all THANKS MOM and DAD, I know I've put you through a lot. I LOVE YOU BOTH.

Dykes 1982: Jeff Goodwin
Rats: Jim Ring

GERALD ROGER BESSETTE
"Daigo, Immigrant, WOP, Jarbassett"
Providence, Rhode Island
Civil Engineering—USMC

Navy/Marine Scholarship 4,3,2,1; Captain—1st Bn. XO 1; Col Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3, Marine Det. 2; Sempre Fidelis Society Pres. ASCE 4,3,2,1; Boxing Club 4,3; Newman Club 4,3; USMC N tional PFT 2; 2nd Class Car Club

The first time I remember Jerry was when we came back Cpls in '82. His haircut looked like a jet black skull cap, ar was the consistency of a golf green. How could this Marin Corps motivated bundle of energy fit into our room? Very eas ly, that's how. Even with his northern accent and "Guid clothes, Jerry was a real roommate. —ACB

Jerry is fun loving and serious. We've done wild things. Wi him in the room things have been at an even keel. A P.T. ar party stud, always full of life. —KL

To commit oneself to 4 years of stoic life at the "I" 'cause l liked the uniform, takes quite a man. GRB came to VMI a lou Yankee, but leaves with the grade of a linebacker. H symbolizes what the Marines call dependable. He senses what to be done and doesn't stop until it's done. —BDH

I never saw VMI before I showed up, but soon '82 taught n what it was all about. Leaving VMI I take a lot with me came to VMI as a 17 year old kid because I liked the uniforn and I will leave a United States Marine Corps 2nd Lt. wi honor, responsibility and an education. For that I thank n Mom, Dad, and all my family and I love you all for all th support. I couldn't have done it without you. To Brent, Adar Kevin: the move was one of my best moves. It took me a whi to find the right room, but I finally did. P.S. Hey Steve, C Town here we come. We'll be doing some more road trippir Oh yeah, "Your . . . !" We've had a lot of Inn and there alot more to come also. P.S.—"Dad, don't worry about it." O.I Bob!!

Dykes 1982: Steve Checca
Rats: John Boniface, Chris Starling













REGORY FRANCIS BOND
Bond-Dog, James, oozero, Slic"
otsylvania, Virginia
nglish—Marine Corps

t; Cpl; Sgt; Pre-Law Society; English Society, VMI Theatre-blicity Director; Marine Corps Marathon; PLC-JR, PLC-SR; ernational Relations Club; Cadet staff billings manager; Ap- Blossom Festival, The Young Republicans; The Session;

came to VMI for an education and a challenge and that's actly what I got. During my Rat year I probably could have ten an A for my spitshines but as for French, well that's other story. Besides an education I received something that I ll never received before and that was true friendship. Ever ce they threw us together Tracy, Chayan, and I have been mmates. We have been through so much together we are w like brothers. Although I will depart VMI the memories ll always be with me. I will never forget Fred Coons trying to ke himself out on the 5th stoop at 2 minute call as Tracy, ai, and I charged down the stairs to inspection. I'll never for- the time JB, Jeff, and I stayed up all night in the theatre dying the great poems and poets such as Fra Lippo Lippi, or night Brent, Perry, and I discovered the real Poe by pacing the tables of 443 SSH. I'll never forget the secret meetings THE SESSION where Brent, Perry, Kurt, and I all found out importance of an education. Along with these I will never get Parent's Wkd, those terrible Hops, the Marathon, the ys, parties, Princeton, Anita, Joellen, Dr. Harris, Dr. Fowlic, E and yes even the Susan. Thank you Tracy, Chai, Brent, rt, Bryon, Fred, Doug, Craig, Wildman, JB, Brad, Jack, Jimmy- g, and Billy-Puppy. Finally I would like to thank those who an more to me than anyone else—my family. Dad, Mom, orge, Geoff, Caroline, thank you for your support and love, hout you VMI would only have been a dream. May God ss you and keep you.

kes 1982: 1st LT. David Shutt
ts: William Mitchell

MARK THOMAS BORNHORST
"Borny"
Cleveland, Ohio
Civil Engineering—Army

Football 4,3,2,1. Monogram Club 2,1; Dean's List 3; Dean's Other List 4,2,1; Birthday Club Chairman 2,1; Almost #1 Club 3,2,1; Rm. 218 Cocktail Club; CRC Canoe Trip 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club Treasurer 1

God how we laughed—military college, a shaved head . . no way. Yet here I am in my First Class year, looking towards three years in the Army. It seems such a short time ago that we sat on the fourth stoop thinking about ways to get in trouble and out of the Army. But the good times have outweighed the bad many times over. The friends I have made here will never be forgotten; without them it would have been a long four years. Thanks Mom and Dad for all your support, and visiting so often. My roommates also thank you for all the food you sent. Ann—What can I say to someone who has spent more time waiting in Lejeune and NEB, waiting for checks and sticks to run, than many cadets; patience is a great virtue.

What else is there to say, but—we're still laughing.

Dykes 1982: Mike Jesensky
Rats: Kip Mattis, Ray Simmons

MARVIN CORTER BOSWELL, JR.
"Marc, Bos, Frat Rat, Doc, Ozzie Bozzie"
Keswick, Virginia
English—Air Force

Varsity Basketball Manager 4. Commanders 4,3,2,1; Treasurer 2. Screwball 4. Cpl 3; Pvt 2; Lt 1; Dean's List 3,2; Hater's of Charlie Moir Club Forever; Honorary Member of the Hartley's Midnight runners society 2; Ben Salem Wayside Society 2.

Coming to VMI from the Charlottesville area, I wish I had a dime for all the times that someone asked me, "Why didn't you go to UVa?" Now I think I know the answer. VMI is the perfect environment in which to learn how to take the world's "hard knocks" without any real long term suffering. To a frattie boy at UVa, life's "hard knocks" are felt when the liquor store closes before he can pick up his weekend fifth. If that is real world hardship, then I am Gloria Steinem. I also observed just how girls shouldn't act when they're trying to impress VMI men. A doctoral thesis on adolescent courtship could be formulated simply by standing in Jackson Arch on the night of a pep rally.

When I entered VMI I was young and naïve, and I leave VMI still young yet more realistic about the world and my place in it. For this reason I thank my professors and my brother rats, and especially my supportive family. Their influence on me began on a hot Aug. day in 1981, and ends on a glorious day in May of 1985. Fortunately, I will always have my family to count on, yet I feel a sense of loss at the parting I make with my professors and my brother rats. Your influence will always be appreciated, though I may never see many of you again.

My best wishes go to Ross Miller, who hopes to bag his first Commie on a safari just after graduation.

" . . and I took the road less traveled by, and it made all the difference."

Dykes 1982: Bruce "Repeat" Gitchell
Rats: Phil "Bumphus" Jones













WILLIAM LEE BOWMAN, JR.

"Bill, Bo"
Tazewell, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2; Monogram Club 2,1; FCA 4,3,2,1; IEEE 1; Charter Member 330 Club; UTKE Fraternity; 110 Club.

VMI has been an experience that I will never forget. It has definitely given me a new perspective on life. My rat year had many ups and downs, but I somehow managed to survive. It taught me how to depend on myself and other people as well. My third class year was the start of the academic ratline that has continued to now. My second class year was much better, and getting the Ring reaffirmed my belief that it was almost over. Mom and Dad, I want to thank you for your undying support and belief in me, and all the care packages and phone calls that meant so much. Dad, I hope that one day I will be the kind of man that you are. Todd, UT, MOT, Bob, Matt, Eric, Dave, and Mark, I will always cherish all the good times that we have had together. I hope that we will always be close. Finally, I thank you, God, for all of my abilities and my parents. Greg, hang in there.

Dykes 1982: Daryl Deke
Rats: Roy Hill, Mike Lamb

DAVID LOUIS BRENNAN, JR.

"Dave"
Southwest Houston, Texas
B.S. Chemistry—Army

Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Cadet Asst. 3,2,1; Glee Club 3,2,1; TCFC 3; Sport Parachute Club 2,1; Karate Club 3; Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; Bomb staff 1; Cadet Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 2,1

When I look back on my cadetship, I end up wondering how i got here in the first place. It is a strange tale that cannot be told in such short space, but the only conclusion I can reach is that fate or God brought me here. If he played an important part in my staying here, I cannot say.

I made my way through many difficult situations, especially those in my third class year, but I could not have done it on my own. The VMI community was always as quick to help out as was my family. I owe those people a great deal more than gratitude. If not for Arthur Ginsburg '35, I would not have even had the chance to try VMI. If not for my father, I would not have had the patience to endure my first six months here. Chaplain Caudill and Doc. Monsour both played key roles in my life as a cadet. Maj. Troppoli, with persistent help from the beginning, made it possible for me to complete my education.

At home, the support from my Aunt and Uncle was overwhelming. They were always there whenever I needed something, and always ready to listen even though they may not have understood. A special thanks goes to Kandy and Scott who were much more help than I think they realize.

In conclusion, I would like to use my remaining space to dedicate my cadetship to my father's memory. How I long for him to see me graduate.

Dykes 1982: Murray Hudson
Rats: Rob Gowan

BARRY STEPHEN BROCKWAY

"Bear"
Martinsville, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

ASCE 3,2,1; Ring Figure 85 Rock Painting Comm. 2; Pvt. 4,3,2,1 ASCE Canoe 2

As I look back on the last four years of my life, I still wonde why I came to VMI. The lifestyle at VMI has been tough an very different. It has taught me discipline and has helped t prepare me for a new and challenging lifestyle, one that will b very demanding of me. Also as I look back I see all the people that have helped me to keep going through these last four year at VMI. My Mom and Dad who's continuous love and suppor has kept me going so many times when I wanted to quit and g home. Thanks for everything Mom and Dad, I love you both very much. My roommates Scott and Lloyd, thanks fo everything especially Structures! I'll miss both of you and hope our paths cross many times after Graduation. I also hop our Dykes form such a friendship like the one we have enjoyed over our four years, one like ours last until we are dead an gone. Take care of yourselves I will miss you both! And o course to all my Brother Rats, Thanks and Godo Luck to all o you!

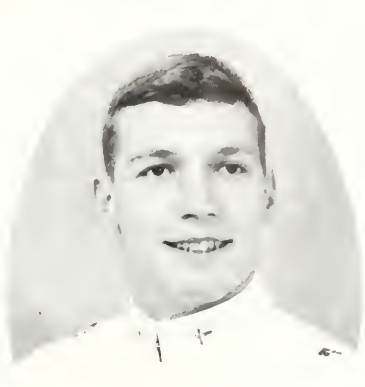
Dykes 1982: J.J. Nav
Rats: Hugh "Fly" McGloin, Ruel "Roo, Gomer" Pile













JERRY EARL BROOKS

"Earl, Duke"
Harrisonburg, Virginia
History—Army

Tanker Platoon; Ring Figure Presentation Committee; Airborne

It is very hard to write about 4 years of your life in a space as limited as this. These past four hold a lot of memories. Things like corps trips to West Point, The Citadel, and Virginia Tech. Although there were times when I was lonely, I was never alone. My Mother and Father were always there when I needed them. For that I thank them deeply. I also want to thank Uncle Al for all of his encouragement when things were not going quite right. I want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Smith for all that they have done for me and all other cadets who have spent time at their house. To Jim, Marvin, and Steve, What can I say? You are the greatest ever. Good luck. When life gets you three down at any time, just think of Earl and smile.

Dykes 1982: Gregory G. Stump
Rats: Daniel P. Salyan

MATHEW SHAFTER BROWN, II

"Garbageman, Matt, Chew, Brownie"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology—Air Force

Baptist Student Union 4,3,2,1; Va BSU State Council, President 1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Religious Council 3,2,1, President 1; Honor Court 2,1; Cdt. Asst, Sports Info 3, Varsity Basketball 4, Int. Basketball Champ Garbagemen 2,1; S-5 3; ROTC Award 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt 2; F Co. Comm. 1

God sent His Son, They called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
And life is worth the living just because
He Lives;
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, All fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives!

As I look back over the last 4 years, I am reminded of all those who have helped me along the way. First and foremost, I want to thank Almighty God for His love and mercy in guiding me through the VMI experience. I also thank God for my Grandfather, who introduced me to the love of Christ by his lifestyle. Pete, Steve H, Jeff R, Zane, Mark, thanks for the laughs! To Woody and Shirley, the Petty's Vesta, Lackeys, folks of Iron Gate, Manley, and Glasgo Baptist Churches and Ben Salem, I owe a super thank you for making Lexington life a lot more bearable. To Terri, Carolyn, Karen P, Beth, Caroline, Karen B, and Dana whose letters were the highlight of my cadetship, thanks and I love you all! A special thanks to the crew of 172, JC, Snoopy, and Tyke for putting up with my ways. Dykes, keep up the good work! Finally, I want to say thank you to two wonderful people who I love more than all the world, whose love and support I cherish, whose guidance has never let me down nor lead me astray;

Mom and Dad, I Love You!

Dykes 1982: Dickie Justice
Rats: Don Calder, Greg Gooch

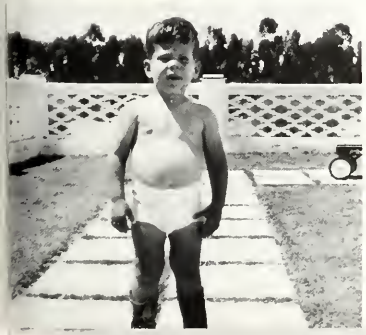
WILLIAM SCOTT BRYANT

"Billy, Bily Bo, Stank, S.B."
Mechanicsville, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

A.F. Vice Commandant Award; James R. Breckinridge '67 Memorial Baseball Scholarship; AFROTC Scholarship; Dean's List; Varsity Baseball 4,3,2,1; BSU; ASCE 3,2,1; A.F. Small Arms Marksmanship Award; Monogram Club.

My past 4 years at VMI have been filled with many memorable experiences. There was straining, push-ups, rifle runs, break out, Goshen, baseball trips, Ring Figure, and finally Graduation. The "T" has opened many doors for my future and I am sure it has prepared me to meet the challenges that await. Barry and Lloyd, I wish you both much success and happiness. I know you will go far. Coach White and Coach Maini, thanks for being there to guide me in baseball, but more importantly for your guidance and understanding through VMI. I wish the team the best. To Anita and family, thank you for being the good people you are. Your support and encouragement has helped me more than you will ever know. You will always be special to me. Finally, to Mama and family, your love and support has helped me reach this point in my life (graduation). For this I thank you with all of my heart. You know you can always count on me for anything. I love you all.

Dykes 1982: Kevin M. Lundgren
Rats: Kevin Alvis, Brian Swiencinski

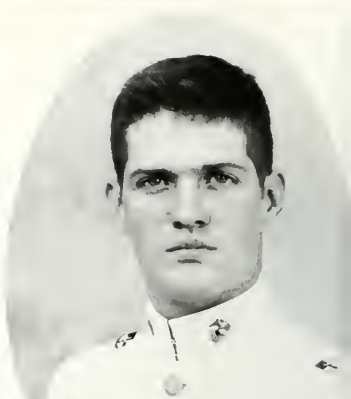












JOHN W. BURGESS

"John"
Ithaca, New York
History—Army'

First of all I would like to thank my father, sister, and Aunt Mary for the selfless love and help they have provided over the years. Mere thank you's can not suffice for all the generous support they have given. To my Aunt Esther: The support you and Uncle Paul have provided was more than financial, you have given me a fabulous opportunity and I shall not waste it. And finally, mother, though I knew you but a short time; your love and kindness instilled in me certain moral and ethical values that I cherish and deem necessary to become an effective and responsible citizen. Many thanks to my relatives and roommates Donald, Ken and Glenn for making VMI bearable. Stewart: Thank you for being a friend, you have what it takes to make it through. Even though you may get discouraged, please persevere—for you shall reap great rewards from your sacrifice.

Sincerely,
John W. Burgess

Dykes 1982: Michael P. Lennox
RATS: Stewart E. King

TRACY WARREN BURKE

"Trash-Dog, Snake, Tray Puppy, Tausa, Mr. Smiley"
Abingdon, Virginia/Boothwyn, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

Cadre Cpl 3; Sgt/Regt. S-5 Sgt 2, Batl. S-5 Lt; Rat Training 3; Shamrock Marathon; ASCE; Cadet Asst. 2,1; Drill Tm. 2; TD Club; Marine Detachment/Semper Fi Soc.

After four years of remolding, we're there. And there are many who are there also, who won't get any recognition, and who won't ask for any either. I love you Mom and Dad. Mom, you averaged a letter/week during ratyear. Dad, I'll never forget the time I made excuses over the phone about my problems and you told me that I could always come home and do construction for ten dollars a week. Well that pissed me off pretty bad (do you notice that I haven't said this to your face?) but it made me stick it out. You deserve the Degree as much as I do. As for my roommates and friends, the memories are many. Greg, Chayan, and I were thrown into a room together as rats. Somehow we managed to survive through our silly arguments (which sometimes ended up as fist fights) and went on to become roommates for our entire stay here at the "I". And how about Shoe, Polish, and Lace (the only way Jessie in the Px could remember Paul, Scottie, and myself). We liked to refer to ourselves as the "trashdogs" anyway! Tommy, thanks for waking me up for all those long runs in preparation for the marathon. And I mustn't forget SSSnake who actually became the first of the dogs when I called him a Coondog during a practical joke. Remember Fred (I mean Jack Flack). To Brian and Liz I wish the best of everything (buddies). Jeffie and J.D. Puppie, maybe we should have studied a little more instead of inventing the "Galsuks", but we had fun anyway. To Laurie, I give my love and my hardships (remember the 3 months confinement, not to mention other things). Well, as Col. Jamison would say, "It's been real, and it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun." Good luck to my Dykes, you have chosen one hell of a . . . (You'll call this place many things, but always end on a good note).

Dykes 1982: Bill Vickers
Rats: Eric Batiste, Dan Shrimpton

BRIAN ANTHONY BURTON

"Hal; Whiz-KId; Cyclo; Rack-Man"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Economics—Marine Corps

Liz Appreciation Comm.; Homeward Bound Society; Bom
Staff; Cpl; Sgt; 1st Sgt, Pvt, S-5 Lt.; Marine Detachment/Semp
Fi Society; Academically undistinguished; Cadet As
Computing; Rat Training Cadre; Cadre;

Dad and Mom I owe you both so very much—I will never l
able to repay all you have given me. Thank you I love you.

I would like to thank all those who have helped and supporte
me, my family, Liz, my Brother Rats, and my friends at hon
and at the "I". Since coming to VMI in August of '81, I hav
learned a great deal about life, and about myself. I came here
boy; I will leave a man. Bill, your experiences have just begu
THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.

"Three things come not back: the arrow that is flow
the spoken word—and lost opportunities."
—Unknown

"Life has a flavor the protected never know."
—An anonymous Marine
Khe Sanh '68

We've spent three years together and sometimes we didn't g
along, but our success is the result of our competition wi
each other. We know each other inside out and have shar
both good and bad times. Who knows where our careers w
take us, but one thing is certain. We will always be broth
rats, the ring bonds us together forever. I'm confident that r
matter where you go you will be successful. Semper Fi—SJM

Dykes 1982: G.W. Grey
Rats: G.W. Reagan









DANIEL H. BURTON
"Danks, Doc, Dick, Henry, Stick"
Altavista, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

lf 4,3,2 Capt. 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Seminar Co-Chairman 1; nogram Club 3,2 Pres. 1

lways knew I would come to VMI. One normally doesn't e much choice when his father and two brothers are gradu-. But for some reason I thought it would be more fun. Con-ement, Pt's, and Academic Probation aren't exactly fun. I do ık this place has taught me a lot and I have gained from this erience.

ant to thank my parents. You have given me great support ough these four years. Dad can you believe I am almost fin-d? Mom I know you will be relieved. To Jeb, Dong, and phanie, thanks for being there when I needed someone to with and for the great advice you always seemed to give.

ave made some great friends here and I hope we all keep in ch in our future. I have been thinking of how I will remem-all of you and tis is what I came up with: Spencer, are you y? Ken, turn down the volume. Tom, wake up! Chuck, at's up Doc. Mark, you are still a . Willie, 's drink a beer. Ashley and Joe, we missed you this r—Keep in touch. Thanks to all the guys who made this erience bearable. Good luck to you all.

kes 1982: Mitch Heishman
Rats: Tom O'Buckley



KENNETH BRIAN CADE
"Moto, Doc, Henry, Dick, Banana"
Roanoke, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Cheerleader 3,2; IEEE 2, Treasurer 1; Bloodmobile Comm. 1; Cadet Asst. 2; Army scholarship 4,3,2,1; Dean's List, Roanoke Vacation Sweepstakes Winner.

I never thought VMI could be so much fun. In that first year they called me "rat" (and everything else), I just knew it was a great game and I was going to play to win. Through most of my cadetship I measured success as not being on confinement and making good grades—I guess I was batting .500. Later on I realized that there was more to gain and that friends and memories would be my prize. I'd like to think I did it on my own, but the support from my families and my love for Michele was what I needed to get me over the tough times. I especially want to thank you Dad, for setting the standards and all the advice—it was worth it.

Dykes 1982: Keith Bohon
Rats: Matt McGee, Steve Champion



DAVID OWLAND CAMPBELL
"Doc, Chubba Bubba, Dewage"
Civil Engineering—Special Student

Private 4,3,2,1; Diving Team 4; Ghetto 3,2

Sometimes I just take a step back and look at this place with humble disbelief. The things that go on here are just that, unbelievable. The most difficult thing for me to comprehend is that I actually did this VMI thing. The "Band" told me I was crazy. Maybe so. Before I entered the confines at VMI I made a promise to myself that the only way I would leave would be with a diploma in my hand. I believe that promise kept me going, it surely wasn't the good time I had. VMI is like that paragraph on any particular page that you keep reading over and over but never truly understand. Now, I gladly turn the page

People are moving so quickly.
Humor's in need of repair.
Same occupation and same obligation
They've really got nothing to share.
Like driving around with no spare.
The river grows deeper not shallow.
The further you move down the stream.
Wondering if I can keep it
As I race to catch up with my dreams.
How they shine and glitter and gleam. —J.B.

To my roommates, Jakester, Woo, and Timmy-Tim's, thanks for always being there when I needed you. I love you. Mom, Dad I know it was hard for you also. I can thank you for the rest of my life and that still doesn't seem enough. I love you so much. Debbie and Dana, I did it! I hope you make the right decision Chris. Lisa, you know.

D.O.C.

Dykes 1982: Perry Knight
Rats: Frank Musarra









MARK STEVEN CARROLL
"Mugsy, Squatty"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Private 4,3,2; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 2,1; BRF 4,3,2,1; Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1

Well it's hard to believe that it's coming to an end. The past four years have gone by very fast, and I thank God for that. My stay could not have been possible if it wasn't for my roommates—Art, Ashley, and Mike, for they made this place bearable. Art, calm down before you have a heart-attack Ashley, you'll always deserve a good cussin'. There were many others: Doc, Chuck, George, Matt, Neb, Meade, and so on, that made the "I" worthwhile.

My rat year I thought I would like this place, but as the years progressed I came to dislike it more and more. Now that I look back on this place, I can see that it was worthwhile, and the lessons learned will be used wisely.

Mom, Dad, Brenda, and Judy, I thank you for your support and understanding, for without you all I could not have made it.

Dykes 1982: Rich Reisch
Rats: Cloyd Tavenner, Frank deVenoge



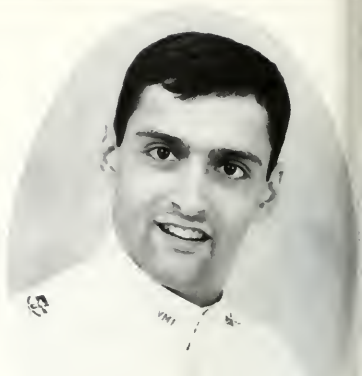
MATTHEW JOSEPH CARTER
"Sanka, Bulldog, Squidly, Carterage"
Fairfax, Virginia
English—Navy

Lacrosse 2,1; JMU roadtripper 4,3,2,1; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Monogram Club

Hey, like Jim Morrison once said, "keep your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel", and get on down the road. It has finally come to an end. It wouldn't have been possible without the support and help of my parents, brothers and sisters, and Doc. Thanks so much to all of you. Lowenski, Cheese, and Piason, you guys have been the best roommates I could have asked for. Only one other thing has allowed me to keep my sanity, although many would debate that I lost it, and that was the numerous roadtrips to JMU. It was great. Dyke and Dyke, take it light and be merry, three more years (Ha, ha). Let's do it!

Open up Limits Gates, because I'm heading out. That rear view mirror shot will be great.

Dykes 1982: Thomas J. Madigan
Rats: Tim Alger, Andy Andres



DAVID MARK CARUSO
"Francis, Psyco, WOP"
Tabb, Virginia
English—United States Air Force

Pvt 4,3,2; Lt 1; Connie Fan Club 3,2,1; Ring Design Comm; Dr King Run For It Til You Drop Dead Club 4,3,2,1

Well here it is, time to look into the not-to-distant future and see Buffalo terrorizing Yongu and Noodle. Ken and Glenn, you know I won't let it get too rough. If any of this makes sense in ten years, I'll know I've succeeded. When I was down it was you two who helped me through it. Oh, well, I'll get you back. Outside of my family and Connie, I owe you the most . . . no, I owe a fortune to the bank. I know I should be thanking the royal family, but they never did anything for me. Finally, on a serious note, I'd like to say "I love you" to my family, Connie and my BR's (what a bunch guys).

Dykes 1982: Paul Anthony D'Antonio
Rats: John Joseph Keppeler









KIRBY JAMES CARUSO
"Wop"
Tabb, Virginia
Math—Air Force

Dean's List 4,2; VMI Theatre 4,3; Band 4,3,2; Cadet Asst. 1; Rat 4; Col. 3; Sgt. 2; Cpt. 11

The first thing we remember about Kirby was that his ears stuck out "a bit too much". We said to ourselves, "selves, since when does Dumbo try to tuck his trunk into his neck!?" We had a lot of fun times rooming with Doorknob. We will always remember the late-night raids and water fights with 329. Our constant sarcastic remarks toward each other seemed to make the days pass quicker. We'll especially remember teaching Kirby how to play racquetbll and how well he accelerated from those stoplights. Third class year seemed to fly by and before we knew it, it was Ring Figure. Ring Finger was filled with laughter (sometimes directed at Kirby and his quasistupor.) After Ring Figure we looked forward to our first class year with anticipation. Kirby would be India Co. Commander and would have to show the rest of the corps that he was a "true leader". We, his roommates, knew he would do well (even if he did whine once in a while). We're supposed to be mature now more than Rat year, but it seems that we're more like the Little Rascals. We wish Kirby the bet at flight school and fly straight damn it! You have those hands with nerves of steel.

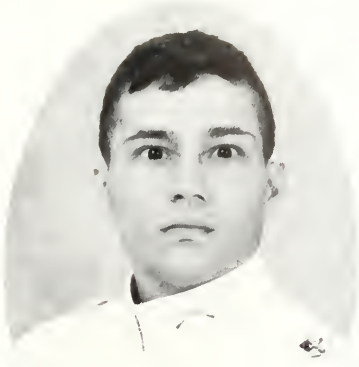
"Buckwheat"

Dave, Kirby says thanks for being there.

To learn the perfect model of the good, the use of which makes all just things and other such become useful and helpful.

Plato

Dykes 1982: Bryan P. Glynn
Rats: John A. LaRue



MICHAEL ANTHONY CEROLI
"Chickarelly, Celery, Herr Cheroli, Wop Itie"
Mcdonald, Ohio
History—Army

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Bd Co XO 1; Band 4,3,2,1; Rat Training 3,2; Theatre 3,2; Boxing 2,1 AUSA 4,3,2,1; Rm 300 Jungle Division; A.G Shirley Fan Club; Sinks 1; Rat Disciplinary committee; Airborne 3,2,1

Dear Penthouse, I always thought your Forum articles were the product of an overactive and undersexed imagination, until last Saturday. The lights were dim, the music soft. It was an atmosphere made for passion. She entered the room and motion stopped. The light caressed each luscious curve of her body. She walked as if on air. I watched as she sat next to me. "Hi ya big boy, Do ya want to—oops wrong letter. First off I'd like to say to my bestest buddies—Thanks for being just that. All you guys, Graham 'Party Animal' Shirley, Glen 'Mother' Hoffman, and Kenny 'Dingdong' Hirlinger, I'm serious I know a guy who got busted for spitting on a rat. Also I'd like to thank my family for all their support. Mom, Gram, Uncle Sonny, Dolly and Randy, Ed and Judy Thank You for the love and perserverence. By the way, Uncle Sonny I'm still studying my Geography. For those who have gone before us, we shall never forget who they were or what they have done.

De Oppresso Liber
MAC

Dykes 1982: Dan Butler
Rats: Mike Beyer



MICHAEL G. CHANG
"Mick, Palmtree, Mickey-Bear, Pineapple
Kaneohe, Hawaii
Mechanical Engineering—Army

Dean's Other List, 1-4. Boxing 3,4. Rugby 2; ASME, 2,3,4; Diving Club 3,4; SCSC 3; FCSC 4; TCFC 2,3; Boxing Club Treasurer 4; 1984 180# Southeastern Collegiate Boxing Champion; SS 1,2,3,4

Anyone who's ever attended VMI has been asked at least once "Why'd you come here?" I certainly hear it put to me many a time, especially when it's revealed that I reside in a warmer climate (bikinis and all that junk). The more "appropo" question would be "why do you stay here?" I think that is the more interesting question of the two because a cadet will ask himself this many times before he has completed the long walk across the parade ground (deck, bulkhead, whatever), to Moody Hall. PT's, confinement, sweat parties, the RDC, EC, GC (AC/DC), AC—Probe, Conduct Probe, (the finger probe), summer school, and for me the many miles that separate me from family and friends, they keep me and other cadets asking the question "Why—Oh God—why?!"

It doesn't take long to find the answer because it is on my mind constantly everyday. In taking that walk to make it to Moody, I take every step to try to return some of the love that Mom, Dad, Lianne, and last but not least the "tutus" have given me all these years. In this attempt to return the love I take the attitude of "no act of kindness no matter how small will go unnoticed". Well, "Mahalos" when that walk got too long it was Martha and Johnny, Wayne and Linda, and the Scotts who opened up their homes to me. It was Bart, Andy, JJ, and woo-Woo who opened up their ears, and of course Tammy—you, who managed to open your heart to me (even if you are from BV) and of course the unique friendships that not even time can compete with here. So Charlie Sanger you're remembered and Terry you're forewarned. So, hey BR's I got my board, the surf's up, and the beer is cold so "forward—BOOGIE."

Dykes 1982: Charles S. Sanger
Rats: Terry "Ker" Plunk (Drag-Queen)













ROBERT MATTHEW CHAPMAN

"Nipplehead, Pinhead, Bob"
Littleton, Colorado (Annandale, Virginia)
Electrical Engineering—Navy

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cadet Battery 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 2,1; IEEE 2,1; NROTC Academic Board 3,2,1; What's Going on Here Anyway 4,3,2,1

Well, what do you know? My four years of incarceration are almost over. Actually, it was not really that easy. It was on that hot day of August 17, 1981 that I realized that this place was not all fun and games. VMI has challenged me every year I have been here. The Ratline tested me physically and mentally, while my last three years I have struggled with academics. I admit that I have not always met the challenge, but I never told myself to give up.

I thank my parents, grandparents, and the rest of the family for encouraging and supporting me every step of the way. I have to thank my Brother Rats, without whose help and support I never could have made it. Yes, there were good times and bad times. But, I will remember the humorous ones the most. Thanks to the Rod, Stretch, Terry, Baglehead, Mac, Screwball, Jocko, and many others who have made this place a lot easier to tolerate.

To my dyke and this year's Rat mass, never give up. Work together for the common good. The system has become easier in some aspects and more difficult in others. Good Luck!

P.S. Waah!

Dykes 1982: George Seiferth
Rats: Brian Egloff

CHARLES REEVES CHAPPELL, JR.

"Charlie, Chuck"
Galax, Virginia
History—Army

Pvt. 1,3,4; Civilian 2; F Co. Guidon 1; Bomb Staff 4. Firefighters 4. Tanker Platoon 4; Paranoid 4,2,1;

Our life here has been somewhat less than ideal.

Dykes 1982: Joe McConnell
Rats: Scott Hurst

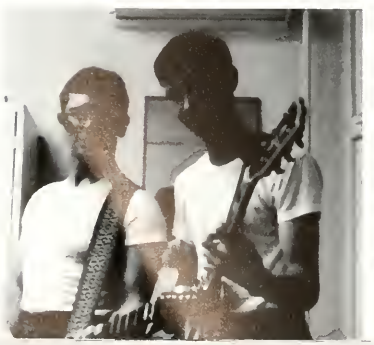
JAMES B. CHARTIER

"Road Hawg"
Grafton, Ma.
English—Marine Corps

Lexington Moose 1,2,3; Posit Comm. 1,2,3,4. Timmon's Music Soc. 1,2,3,4; Parachute Club 2; Orienteering Club 2,3; Sounding Brass 1,2,3; Hog Cup Originator, President, Class of '85

As President of the class, I've had a few headaches, but the honor of representing such a diversified, colorful, humorous band of merry men soothes any pains I've encountered. In some respects, bitterness creeps in when I think of those who have judged and treated me wrong. Thank God they are few. Unfortunately, I've yet to reach a stage of all encompassing forgiveness. Overall, the class has provided me with an education that books and professors could never provide. The class inadvertently highlighted both my weak and strong traits and four years of blushing has about done me in. So, yes, I owe everyone thanks, even the clowns that irk me. Thanks, my warmest regards go to Wayne and Linda Smith who brought me into their southern fold and gave me unlimited beer and car privileges my entire four years. My indebtness is unlimited. My one regret is that I didn't treat those girls who trusted me as well as I treated my BR's. Sorry, but enough, I feel really cheap repaying folks with words, my parents would understand.

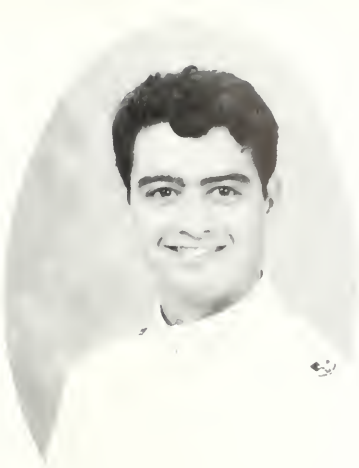
Dykes 1982: Kevin Wilkenson, Mel Nowlin
Rats: Bo Baik













CHING PU CHEN

"Break Down, Chen"
Kaohsiung Taiwan Republic of China
Electrical Engineering & Mathematics—Marine Corps

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 1st Bn S-3; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Dist. in Gen. Merit 4,3,2,1; Sky Diving 3,2; Treasurer ETA Kappa Nu 2,1; Sigma Phi Sigma 2,1; SPS 2,1; Phi Kappa Phi 2; V.P. 1; IEEE 3,2,1; Posit Comm. 3,2,1; Pres: B.A. and S.T. Pendleton Scholarship; Francis H. Smith Award

When I first matriculated at VMI, I was rather disappointed with my surroundings. All the sweating, yelling and straining didn't help to alleviate my gloom. But slowly I felt that I was being molded into a better man. Whoever said "Pain builds character" was right! Looking back at the sweat parties, lonely Saturday nights and empty mail box, I know I've grown a lot from my misfortune. But on the other hand, Break Out, Ring Figure, and everlasting friendship and a lot more have also made me grow to be a VMI man. VMI has given me many things I couldn't have gotten from any other place. I would like to express my gratitude to the "I," BR's, teachers and especially Mom and Dad. Without their support and encouragement, I couldn't wear the Ring. Best wishes to you all and '85.

Dykes 1982: Frederick C. Mock
Rats: Wan Chi-Hsiang

BRYON PAUL COLE

"BP, BC, Cole, Tinker Bell"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology—Army

Glee Club 4; BSU 4; Navigators 3,2,1; Navigator President 1; Tanker Platoon 3; Ranger Platoon 3,2; Cadre Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; Religious Council Rep. 1; SCSC

August 17, 1981, I shook my Dad's hand and began my VMI experience and what an experience it was. I've had many different attitudes about VMI. I've hated it, loved it, laughed at it and believed in it; all in all, I'm glad I went through it. Had it not been for Jesus Christ and His Holy Word I would have quit a long time ago. I thank God for the strength to endure and for my family and their support—Mom, Dad, Andy, Nancy, Cindy—I love you all. I thank God for all the experiences and friends; Kurt, what can I say, there were times I wanted to slap the daylights out of you, but I love you and would do anything for you. You've been my best friend and helped make the hellish times bearable. Pete, Greg, Brad, Tom, Mike and all my other brother rats—you guys were the reasons I stayed (like it or not), maybe we'll meet again. Jim Lett—I learned a lot about God that I could not have learned on my own, thanks. I firmly believe that all things work together for good to those that love God. (Romans 8:28) Charlie, Dave: you guys stick it out, God has a purpose.

To VMI—hasta luego. To my brother rats—Arise, go forth and conquer —BPC

Proverbs 3:5-6
Philippians 4:6-7
2nd Peter 5:10

"I'm growing older, but not up."
Jimmy Buffet

Dykes 1982: Richard Collier
Rats: Charlie Richardson, Dave Pitts

JOHN MICHAEL COLLINS

"Match Head, Mike"
Richmond, Virginia
History—Army

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Dean's List 2.5; Bomb-Cadet Life 1; VMI Firefighters 2,1; Rugby 4

Throughout my cadetship, I have had many ups and downs. I think about the good times and not the bad times. It seems like yesterday that I first walked through the concourse and said, "So, this is VMI?" and had the first real shock of my life. I will never forget that first week, it seemed like a bad dream and I never woke up.

When I look back at my past, I think about what I have learned, and that is that desire and determination can not be measured in an individual. Once you have a goal to accomplish, you can achieve it by pure desire and determination. My goal, before I came to VMI, was to graduate from VMI. I wouldn't have made it without the confidence my Mom and Dad gave me, or without my friends: Robert, Bryon, Kurt, and John S. Above all, I would have never made it if it wasn't for GOD. I know now that my life will be successful as long as I do my best, and keep having faith in GOD. I will always cherish the memories of V.M.I., and may GOD bless the class of 1985.

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight,
It's the size of the fight in the dog."

J.A.C. Jr.

Dykes 1982: Cory Attra
Rats: Patrick O'Neill













MICHAEL G. COOK
"McGoo, Bull, Bullski"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Civil Engineering—SS

Football 3,2,1; Track 4,3,2; Ring Figure Cannonball Committee

Though I have chosen the road less traveled, the education and experiences I am receiving will lead me on my journey through life. As in most cases, the first step has been the hardest. That step is behind me now, and I am well on my way. As for my parents? They taught me to walk, and were right behind me whenever I started to stumble. I love both of you very much, and wish that my diploma would have your names on it as well. I would like to wish you the best of luck as you pursue your education, Allen, and to remind you that Mom and Dad taught you to walk also.

Without Beau, Dave, Dortch, and Tom my first two years at VMI would never have been completed. Thank you for the continuous support and an always open door.

Hang in there Richard. Everybody is pulling for you. Your first step is almost to the floor.

Finally, the biggest part of my life, Kaye. With your love, support, and encouragement, you have made the past two years of my life the happiest and most memorable. It will not be long before we reach that second step. I love you very much.

Dykes 1982: Chip Buehler
Rats: Chris Clark, Charles Cayce

FREDERICK JOSEPH COONS, JR.
"Fred, Coon dog, Snake, Dick Tracy"
Albany, New York
Electrical Engineering—Navy

NROTC Pistol TM 4,3,2; Glee Club 3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Sgt 2; Chapel Choir 4,3,2,1; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Honor Guard 2,1; Drill Team 2; New Market Firing Party 2; IEEE 1; Circle K Club 1; Computer Assistant 1; S-5 Staff 2,1

I've started this 3 times now. I don't want the floral display of tear jerking sentimentality. I don't want a melancholy survey of our May '85 parting. I want to tell you why I'm a better man having known the "Coon dog".
Fred is a friend. The kind that tells you when you're on the verge of error. The kind that makes it his business to understand your feelings, wishes or fears without ever questioning them. He used to have the temper of a dull axe when things went less than exactly as he'd hoped, planned or worked for. What he demands of himself is astronomical. At the same time he is understanding of the flaws and shortcomings of others. Coon dog, I know your dream is to become a Navy Officer and one day you'll wear a star. If anyone is destined for it, you are. You'll get there on your own accord, too. At first I thought you were a complete independent with a cast iron shell. VMI has melted away that shell and revealed to the world a man whose loyalty, perseverance and pride are invincible. There are those who get pushed off their ladder—and stay off. Coon dog you're a climber bound for the top.

CEB

SSSSSSlither Well Fred, I know you didn't expect me to strike again, but it goes to show you that our friendship is inseparable. We've had our share of fights, probably due to our continuing competition with each other and the inability to admit defeat. Hopefully, even after all the fun, we have matured from our actions. Take care buddy.

TWB

Dykes 1982: Larry Peplinski
Rats: Derek McFarland

STEPHEN JAMES COOPER
"Coop, Killer Coop"
West Hartford, Connecticut
Civil Engineering—Army

VMI Firefighters: Echo Company operation Sergeant; HOG Football

When I thought about attending VMI in high school my two older brothers who were presently attending VMI told me it would be the biggest mistake of my life. Well I can only say that VMI has been the biggest challenge of my life. My first challenge was the ratline. It was not only a challenge physically but mentally. The next three years were a challenge academically. I found that VMI was not like other schools, we had to study hard and study hard every night. I can only thank my parents and friends at VMI for conquering this challenge. I'd like to give special thanks to Wayne and Linda Smith who I have considered second parents. I care about them a lot and I will never forget them. Jeff, Marvin, Steve, Tate, JJ, John, Matt, Dave, and Jimbo, you're what VMI's all about. True friends who I would do anything for and never forget. I can only hope that later in life when I face greater challenges, I will have friends as great as you to get drunk with.

Dykes 1982: Joel Bennefield
Rats: Jim Hassell













ROY ROGERS CREASEY, JR.

"Trigger, Beastly, Gus"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Pvt 2,1; Dean's List 2,1; VMI Theatre 4,3,1; The Scum of Sports Information 2,1; Karate Club 4;

My friends, My life has been a Horatio Alger story. I have seen death, felt hunger and cold, heard pain and suffering, and tasted tears. I have never experienced the love of a mother or the authority of a father. Yet, through all of my struggles, I have seen the beauty of God, Brother Rats, the Presbyterian Home, and VMI. No struggle can ever be compared to this beauty.

For many years, I wondered what my Mom would say if she could see me now. Yet, I realized that no words could ever express her happiness. I think a smile and a tear would say it all.

Thanks Jim and Fred. Y'all are the best of friends. Jim, you're closer to me than my brothers. Remember, both of you, they'll always be a cold beer waiting for you!

Mr. A., thanks for being patient with me. I deeply appreciate all that the Home has done for me. Don't worry, I'll pay ya back!

Don't worry Capt. Selin! I'll do good boss!

Cheryl, thanks for being patient with me! ILY!

Dykes 1982: Emmett "Squirm" Heltzel
Rats: Chris A. Clark

TAYLOE MURPHY DAMERON

"Scrote, Eddy, Jarvis"
Richmond, Virginia
English—Army

First Sgt. A Co.; President English Society; Rappelling Instructor; Lacrosse; Number One Club

I'm not the same guy I was four years ago, but I guess that's why I came here. It wasn't fun or easy and I wouldn't do it again for anything or anyone. I wouldn't trade it for anything. Leaving to play hardball in the midst of a heinous party was weird but "when the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

—Hunter S. Thompson

Thanks Mom, Dad and Zach, and all the guys in the Den.
I learned more from you than all my classes combined.

Dykes 1982: David Janac, Hal Hamner
Rats: Scott Davila

MATTHEW FONTAINE DANIEL

"Plastic Man"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

Historian 1985; E.C./G.C. 3,2,1; CADET staff 3,2,1; BOMB staff 1; Cross Country 4,3,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Captain 1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; V. Pres. 1; Ring Design Comm.; Private 4,3,2,1; " '02 crew" 3,2,1; Almost #1 Club 3,2,1; CRC Canoe Trip 1

I haven't played lacrosse or polo, acey-deucey or Pac-Man. I've never taken Micro, Macro, or Bio. I don't surf, skate or play flashlight tag . . . I never have. I've never lived in Tunisia or Swaziland, never in Newark or Toledo. I lived in Germany for years; I don't speak German, French, Yiddish or Arabic . . . I endeavor at English. I don't hunt. I don't smoke (I did once, in kindergarten) and I went to a public high school. I don't like eggplant, okra, broken bones or crutches. I do like Nike running shoes and Moosehead beer. I didn't like the Ratline or bulldog; I do like VMI and the Jars. I really don't like blushing . . . it embarrasses me, then I blush more. I don't like messy art; I love to draw. Howard Cosell really bugs me. So do hangnails and gnats. Would you like to know what I really love? Coffee—Oreo ice cream (that's mine and Cathy's favorite). But Black Label beer disgusts me. So does licorice and marzipan. Birthdays don't really send me flipping, either. Christmas is great but Halloween is for drinks; they took all of the fun out of it. Mark and Paul break things; Judo, Steve and I don't. We watch. William Faulkner is great and I get a kick out of Paul Harvey . . . Muhammed Ali slurs. The Redskins irk me and I just never liked the Steelers; my cheers go to the Cowboys and the Raiders. I hate doing ¼ mile runs and long hill repeats. The Chessie Trail is boring. I don't like rambling, either. I think my roommates are unique and I will miss them. I'll miss my family. I won't miss Cathy, we'll be together.
Thanks to you all, especially you Dad. Mom . . . thanks Ed. Adieu.

Dykes 1982: Chris Eichman
Rats: Bill Cronenberg









GLENN A. DEGROTE

"Degrub"
Dover, Delaware
Electrical Engineering—Army

Virgin Private 4,3,2; Finally Got Raped 1; NAM 2,1; Rack Lab 4, 3,2,1; Fond Fight Committee 3

Dear Glenn,

You did not write this!

This letter has been secretly emplanted in your history to take up space. You wanted to put N/A on it, but we know your dirty laundry and we're going to tell. We found all the pencil leads and calculator batteries in your shirt pocket. "Closet Nerd! Closet Nerd!" We also know why they gave you a sabre. . .you're much too hard on rifles!

Insert transitional sentence here. . .

Thank you, Glenn, for what you mean to us. We love you. You'll always hold a special place in our hearts. In closing, we'd like to start all over again. . .quack! baa! gobble, gobble! Go get 'em TIGER!

KRW and DMC

Dykes 1982: "I Don't Remember"
Rats: Jason Dahlquist



THOMAS EDWARD DELANEY

"Tombo, Hardcase, September Trickster, Yo!"
North Springfield, Virginia
English—Marine Corps

Rat, Cadre Cpl. (terminated 14 Sept. '82); 4th Stoop Post—Taps Phys Fitness Instr. WAR EAGLE! Knights of Malice 3,2,1. Chi Upsilon Nu Theta 2,1; Eng Nat'l Honor Soc; Nat'l Naval Honor Soc; Acad Honors 4,3,2; Ops Sgt 1; Rugby 4,3,2; Airborne—Curraheel; Brother Moose!

The six people to whom I owe so much know who they are, so I'll spare all the sentimentality, however sincerely it may have been meant . . .

The Summary

Nothing ever grows in this rotten hole, and everything is stunted and lost, and nothing ever rocks, and nothing ever rolls, and nothing is ever worth the lost.

For Michelle:

Tell me not Sweet I am unkind
That from the nunnery
Of thy chaste breast, and quiet mind,
To War and Arms I fly.

True; a new Mistress now I chase,
The first foe in the field;
And with a stronger faith embrace
A sword, a horse, a shield.

Yet this inconstancy is such,
As you too shall adore;
I could not love thee Dear so much,
Loved I not Honor more.

—Lovelace, to Lucasta, Going to the Wars, 1649

Boo: The "Mistress" is my vocation; you have been, and are now, my life. Remember the Spartan Blessing: "Go, Warrior, and seek your battle—may your journey bring you faithful comrades, true love, and eternal peace."

Dykes 1982: Bill Caulfield
Rats: Tom "Sir Spaz" Spetz, Mike "TBDS" Leeney



PETER WELLS DELANO

"Pete"
Cranford, New Jersey
Civil Engineering—Army

Cadet Battery; Circle K Club; Sport Parachute Club; Society of American Military Engineers; Firefighters American Society of Civil Engineers; Association of United States Army; Private 4,3, 2,1

On Aug. 17, 1981, a blonde-haired boy from New Jersey walked through the doors in Lejeune Hall and registered with the rest of the matriculants. Although the next seven months would seem a blur at times, they would be imprinted in his mind forever

Over the years I've become very close to this man of infinite remarks; remarks that often brought people to uncontrollable laughter. Being funny is a gift not given to many, but that's not his best quality. The best qualities a man can have are honesty and loyalty. This man has always been there. It's been with this charm and loyalty that he's earned friends. Friends that will sorely miss his presence. Now this man is ready to embark on a new adventure. I have no doubt in my mind that he will rise to all occasions. This man is my friend. Stay in touch Pete. —D.M.O.

Well, Pete's spent four years here. He didn't know what he was getting into, but he quickly found out. We were a long way from the Jersey shore; no beer; no girls; no civilization. But Pete survived the Ratline and succeeded at VMI. Fortunately, Pete is a little crazy, which helped me to succeed. Thanks Pete, you've been a great friend. —JBL

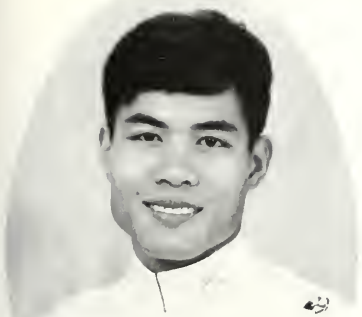
I've given a lot during the last four years but what VMI has given me is what counts. I would not have made it without the love and support that my family and friends have given me. Special thanks to Mom and Dad. I love you all.

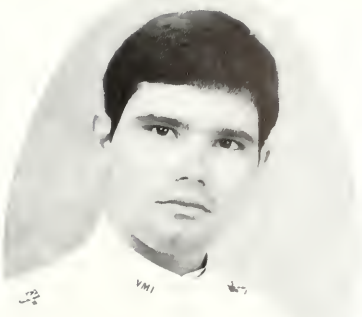
Dykes 1982: Kevin A. Smith
Rats: Dave Omstead, Mike Milligan

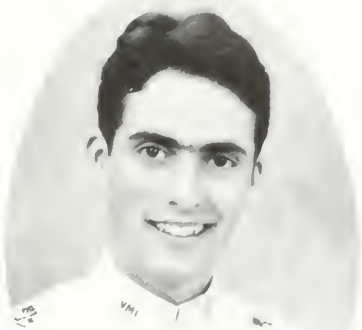












CHAYAN DESHSORN

"Charlie, Chai, Desh, Chai-dog"
Kabin Buri—Prachin Buri, Thailand
Electrical Engineering—Army

Ranger Platoon; Engineering Combat Platoon

Well Chai, four years of close friendship are at an end. But I know that this is not the end, but the beginning of a lifelong friendship. It may be years before our lives bring us together again as you begin your return to Thailand. Yet, although the miles can, the memories cannot seperate us. I don't think you, Greg and I could have remained in the same room for four years without you as mediator. Always caring and considerate, a true humanitarian you are. Remember all the "engineering projects" to make our room more comfortable? We are sure gonna miss you Chai-dog.

Tracy Burke

Chai, I'll never forget what I told my parents on the way to VMI on Aug. 17. Mom, Dad; I hope I get a roommate from Thailand. Sure enough on Aug 17th there I was with my Brother Rat roommate from where else but Thailand. Chayan, you have been a great friend through these years. You were the referee when Tracy and I had it out. You were the engineer that made our room like home But most of all, you were my caring friend. I hope Tracy and I have shown you the better part of our USA and maybe someday you can show us the better part of your Thailand.

Greg Bond

Hey! Chayan, tell me what you know about USA after your four years over there. I know that everybody is going to ask me this question when I get back where I belong. And I am sure to have this BOMB open at this page to let them see the answer. "I KNOW VMI." Good luck to my BR's, and friends in CRMA '32 and AFAPS '21.

Dykes 1982: Handie H. Podo
Rats: Eric Batiste, Dan Shrimpton, Bill Mitchell

CRAIG DEREK DEZERN

"Screwball, Motorhead, C.D., D.Z."
Galax, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

IEEE 2,1; Sport Parachute Club 3,2,1; Circle K 1, Arnold Air Society 1; Virgin Private

It has been a long and hard struggle, but now it is finally over I would simply like to thank all the people who helped me get through this place. First, I would like to thank all those people who are my friends and for always being there when I needed you. I would like to thank my instructors for their guidance and patience. I would especially like to thank God for answering my prayers and getting me through V.M.I.. I love you all. Thanks.

C.D.D.

Dykes 1982: David Lee Bratton
Rats: Gregory Lyle Connor

KELLEY TAYLOR DILLENBERGER

"Cheeseburger, Sarge"
Salem, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Navy

ASCE 3,2,1; The VMI Civil Engineering Society 2,1; Business Manager, The VMI Cadet 1; Dean's List 4,3; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt 2; Pvt. 2; Pvt. 1; 1985 Ring Construction Committee

Every morning I wake up here I seem to say to myself, "I hate this place!". Then again I know I do not mean that. In fact, I guess I really do love it here (as much as I dislike admitting it). The one thing that has made this place worth the stay are the friends I have made here. I know I will never have friends like the ones here ever again. But, even though this fact makes me very sad, I know that my graduation day will be the happiest day of my life.

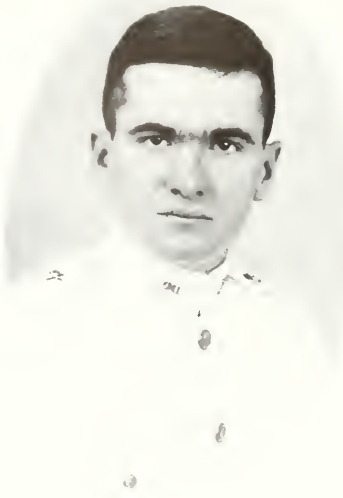
I want to thank God for opening the doors (or rather closing the other doors) for me to come here. There must be a plan in all this somewhere. To my Rat roommates, thank you for putting up with me during the Ratline. Had it not been for you all, I would not have made it through. To my dyke, Jeff, thanks for being the best dyke in the world, without your guidance I probably would have left in the beginning. Lastly, I want to thank my parents (the only real parents I have ever had) especially my mother. I know you wanted me to get a VMI diploma very much. I think I am going to make it.

Dykes 1982: Jeff Etheridge
Rats: Michael Davis









MICHAEL PATRICK DAVID DITTAMO
"Homelite, Ditt"
Arlington, Virginia
English—Army

Private 4,3,2,1; Boxing 4,3,1; VMI Cadet Copy Editor 1; International Relations Club 4,3,2,1 Treas.; Newman Club 4,3,2 Pres.; Religious Council 3,2; Officer of the Guard Association 1

Four years at VMI has been an experience for this born again rebel. It has been an uphill battle to make it through the "I" with a strack attitude. From the early days as a rat with an unwanted unceasing grin to being a strack First Class private, life has always been a little different. The years went by fast, sometimes too fast. Third class year with Steve Barcik and Brent Hearn made what was an otherwise bad year, good. Second class year with David Irvin and Davidson Scott is a blur. It had to be one of the best of this cadet's life. The after and before taps adventures will always bring a smile. First class completed the four. It offered a final and complete insight into what VMI and life are all about. All rewards must be found inside and success is a self-judgement. VMI has been home to this cadet and will always be, one way or another. For as Ted Kennedy once said, "the cause continues; the work goes on; the hope still lives: and the dreams will never die."

Thank you to my father for being the gentleman I am trying to become.

MPD

To the beer hunters: "So we'll go no more a-roving
So late into the night."

Byron

Dykes 1982: Perry Robert Laustsen
Rats: Kevin C.P. Fitzpatrick



PATRICK JOSEPH DONAHUE
"PJ, Magic, Dick"
Plainfield, New Jersey
Civil Engineer—Army

Football 1,2,3,4. Track 1; ASCE; Number One Club; B.A.R. Assoc.

I came to VMI to be different and ended up a number. My claim to fame has been trouble for the majority of my life, but nowhere else has it been so scrutinized and blown out of proportion. As a result I learned to pay attention to detail no matter how meaningless or trivial. I credit my sanity to those around me who were in deeper shit than I, and let everyone know it. The year at the 'I' I've enjoyed the most was, without a doubt, rat year, thanks to Marc and Nick. It was also, unfortunately, my most unproductive year. I've seen a lot of my friends get the boot for carrying the same mistakes I've made one step too far. I thank God and my parents for giving directions. Dad, sorry about the pressure, grey hairs and summer school bills; Mom, no one has been more supportive; Thank you. I love you both. It's taken me four years, but I think I've finally learned to monopolize the opportunity given me instead of taking it for granted. I came here with a handful of excuses and used VMI to multiply them tenfold, but listening to others use the same excuses has helped me to see their uselessness. Good luck Curtis, Ray, Steve and Lars. Thank Unk and Co. "Buck"

"Your prison is walking through this world all alone"—The Eagles
"Outside the street's on fire in a real death waltz between what's flesh and what's fantasy, and the poets down here don't write nothing at all. They just stand back and let it all be."—Bruce Springsteen

Dykes 1982: Larry Butler, Butch Hostetter
Rats: Mark Lamb



JOHN GEORGE DOUGLAS
"JD, JG, The Bear, Doug, Johnnay, PJ"
Auburn, New York
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Almost No. One Club 3; Officer of the Guard Association; Bomb Staff; M.F. Maury Scholarship 1; Parental Scholarship 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1

In all of my infinite wisdom of 18 years I came to VMI, I immediately wondered if I had made a mistake. But everything is now in proper perspective (at least what I perceive at 21 to be proper), and I find that it was well worth it. Cadre, sweat parties, Rifle Runs, RDC meetings, months of confinement, Mega-Pt's, and Academic Extinction.

All the times though weren't bad: Running the Block, Days of flagrant obnoxism, champagne breakfast in 251, girls schools, weekends, hops, and furloughs. This poem sums it up:

"And those around me"
I have seen the course of things,
Now I think of what it brings,
To me and those around me who,
Have seen the course and liked it too.
Not long from now I'll find the end,
Right up ahead, around the bend,
And those around me then will see,
Upon a stage we shall be,
And those around me then will see,
The course was fought and now is won,
But the fight is never done.
For what was taught and what was learned,
Far outweigh what we earned,
And I and those around me find,
That what we earned is left behind.

Finally I would like to thank God who in His wisdom gave me such wonderful, loving parents and friends, especially Bill who has done the most to keep me here.

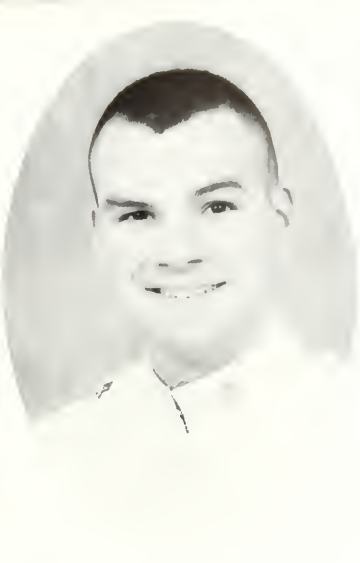
Dykes 1982: George Seifeth
Rats: Clark Mitchell













CHARLES H. DOWNEY, JR.

"Chip, Chipster, Herb, Rack Man"
Orange, Virginia
History—Air Force

Ranger Plt. 4,3; Cpl. 3; D Company Guidon 1; Ring Figure Committee 2; Ring Figure Magazine Business Manager 2

In Dedication To My Mother
And My Brother Rats

I wouldn't have made it through this place without your occasional kind words, your understanding, and your good ass kickings when I needed them . .

Anybody got a cigarette . . .

Dykes 1982: Dewey Martin
Rats: Chris Hayes

JOHN M. ECKENRODE

"Harley Rider Eckengrunt, Sgt Rock"
Frederick, Maryland
History—Marine Corps

Marine Detachment 4,3,2,1; Ring Figure Construction 2; Rat Training 1; Cadre Cpl. 3; S-5 Staff 3; IHTFP 4,3,2,1

VMI meant many things to John when he arrived here four years ago. First and foremost it meant a commission in the Marine Corps. No grade inflation has hindered him in his pursuit of his commission, but John's character has not let him give up hope. Secondly, it meant an education. Whether he cares to admit it or not, John has received a useful education while at VMI. Although it may not tend towards the academic it involves something far more important; how to be a man and a friend. Of all John's assets this is his best. If you are lucky enough to earn his friendship, he is the most loyal and tolerating friend one could want. He has had his bad moments of VMI, but so has everyone, and in John's case they only tempered and hardened the underlying steel. Fair seas and following winds John. No matter what the Marine Corps decides, in my view you have earned it. Good luck MARINE. RLG

Dykes 1982: Joe Bouchelle
Rats: Charles (Gus) Shuster

QUINTIN D. ELLIOT

"QD"
Natural Bridge, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Sex

Farewell

Dykes 1982: Danny Clymore
Rats: John Wanat













ROBERT DELWOOD ELLIS, JR.

"Bob (I'll answer to almost anything.)"
Charlotte, North Carolina
Mathematics—Air Force

The VMI Athletic Committee: Rat Disciplinary Committee: VMI Boxing 4,3,2,1; Roadtrips 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1; Virgin Company XO (I Co.)

The time has come to write my first class history (the deadline is upon me). At first I was confused. I felt I'd rather have my roommate (JCM) write it for me. (I'll still have him proofread it.) But I realized that I should write it myself in order to get the most out of it.

There exists within most of us a love/hate relationship with the "I". I thoroughly enjoy the friendships I have found here with my Brother Rats. Unfortunately, the lifestyle, restrictions and administration here sometimes leave a great deal to be desired. I think we all realize that one-half of this "system" cannot live without the other . . . so be it.

I wish more than success to Kyle, Alton, and Pete. (RFoom 444 1981-1982).

Thanks and strange things to Joe, Pete, Norb and Drew for every bit of the good and bad we've shared. The insanity was more than enjoyable, guys.

Brother Rats, we are survivors and doers. You have my best wishes in your every future endeavor.

Dykes 1982: Steve Varga
Rats: James Anderson, Tom Dod

THOMAS J. EMERSON, JR.

"Hick, TJ, Ralph Waldo, Boozer"
Silver City, North Carolina
History, Modern Languages—Marine Corps

Honor Court 2; Prosecutor 1; ROTC Scholarship 3,2,1; Rugby 4,3; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 3,2; Late Study Stud 4,3,2,1; Marine

I have not had fun here, but I didn't come here to have fun.

Dykes 1982: Joel McBroom
Rats: Al Cuellar

WILLIAM LAWRENCE ENGELSONM, JR.

"Wild Bill, Beeeel"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Physics—Air Force

Cpl. 3. A Co. 1st Sgt. 2; Regt. Sgt. Major 2; G Co. Commander 1; Ring Figure Const. Comm. 2; Air Force Nav. Scholarship 3,4. Air Force Pilot Scholarship 2,1; SPS 3,2,1; RMWC Rangers 2.

I can still clearly remember the day that I rode up to VMI on the 17th of August in '81 and having that awful sick feeling in my stomach. It was kind of embarrassing to have to ask my parents to pull into a station because I was sick. Somehow, however, I made it through that rat year and I guess the only people I have to thank for that are my family and my BR's. Now it doesn't even seem real that I am a first classman and sometimes I even wish I could go back to rat year. I think for right now I'll settle for my diploma and a couple of weeks at the beach and a few six packs with my roommates.

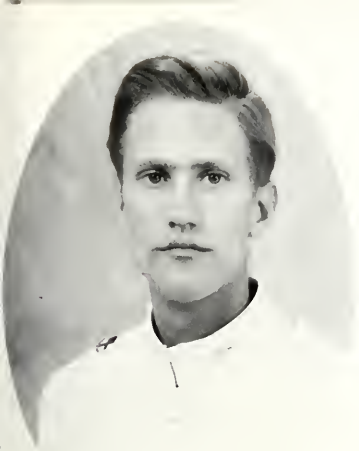
I would like to thank all of those people that helped me through the ratline but that would probably be too long of a list to fit in here. Instead I would like to just thank my entire family for their constant support and love. I know that without their help I would have been lost and unable to make it through the first week. I just hope that I can make it up to all of you. I would also like to thank my roommates, Hugh, Mike, Jeff, Bill and Joe. I wish all of you the best of luck and I think that it will definitely be a check formation for us to be at all home football games obnoxiously drunk and embarrassing everyone that we can. I know that I will be buying a couple of plaid sports coats, extra first class privates belts, bright pants, and an extra red, white and yellow tie. Thanks again guys. I don't think that I could have made it this far without all of you. I guess that I have to end it here. All that I have left to say is "It's been real, it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun. Hey, hey bud, let's party."

Dykes 1982: Bob Bobbit, Mac Spears
Rats: Tim West, Hugh McMenamin









ERIC JAMES ENSLEN

"Vid, Capt. Video, Ninja"
Easton, Maryland
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; IEEE 2,1; Young Republicans 1

Upon arrival at the "I", my mind and body were in a state of total confusion; cadre had me believing I was from planet Uranus, and it took seven days before I could function on a toilet. I won't fully recover until I'm far away from here.

My stay has been both miserable and fun. The few times I was in confinement sucked, but I got away with infinitely more things than I can remember. John, Art, Steve, and Lou—I'll never forget those chaotic roadtrips in the immortal "Monster." Where's the mixer? Slow down! Watch that turn! Aaaah!" Jerry—thanks for the stain; the "Monster" won't forget you either!

Guys come to VMI supposedly for that "something extra." I'm not sure what that is yet. I had pride and integrity long before I matriculated; VMI has merely reinforced those feelings. Hopefully, the benefits derived from this experience will become apparent to me; if not, I will have wasted four years of my life.

Foremost on my mind is the fact that I have developed friendships of a caliber unknown to me previously. This place is far too intolerable to endure it alone. I would like to end by saying that I definitely would not have made it through if it were not for my parents. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all your support and encouragement. I know I don't say it much, but I love you.

Dykes 1982: Chuck Fanshaw
Rats: Rob Sawyer



GREG ALAN ENTERLINE

"Quantico, The Grunt, Grace, G.A."
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; TCFC Bookkeeper; Pvt. 4,3,2; Lt. 1; Cymbals 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1

VMI wasn't my first or second choice for the pursuit of a college education, it was my third, however the "I" was the only one that wanted me. I honestly believe that fate was kind to me. I met during these years of challenge many good people that have left a lasting impression on me, they will be in my thoughts forever. I thank you all for the chance to know you and be your friend. Special thanks to the following: Kelby, Les, and Missy for the family support; Duke and Greg for putting up with me for two years; Dan, Bill, and Bubba for the last interesting year in barracks and the pursuit of the diploma and my commission. Once again, thank you all.

"To each his own fate"

"In order to survive in today's society one must be very, very pleasant or very, very smart"

Jimmy Stewart "Harvey"

"A man is never a failure if he has friends"

Movie *It's a Wonderful Life*

"Hate is very creative, it creates more hate."

"Thought"

Dykes 1982: Mike Straub
Rats: Rich Savage and Phil Riggleman



DAVIS ALLEN ESTES

"Testes, Fusstestes, Constance, Momma Estes"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics—Army

Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Distinguished Military Student; Distinguished Military Graduate; Varsity Track 4,3,2,1; Bodie Farm 4,3,2,1; NCAA Nationals 4,2; Hill Street Blues Club; Walt Cormack Memorial Scholarship; Colonel "Son" Read Memorial Track Scholarship

Before coming to VMI, I thought I knew everything about this place that a newcomer could possibly know. It took me all of a haircut to realize how wrong and lost I was. Since then I've had my moments—both good and bad. These past four years, I've really been through some changes. But in the end my true personality has finally emerged even through this individuality robbing place called the "I". Moose, Ed, Sof D., I hope I've lived up to the ways that you all taught me. I think I have. Thanks for being so cool; no for being my big brothers. Wade and Virg or Blip and Blop, I had a great time. You two worked my "you know what" off. But I've known all along that it was worth it. You see I love winning and you two are winners. To all of my roommates, thanks for tolerating my bitchy ways. Pops, Huck, Rock, true confessions told it all. Damn Rock! Thank you Econ department for challenging every corner of my mind. Dr. Chang, what did you say? Pop quiz? Spending four years at VMI I've seen it all. And surely it has left an impression on me. From the first sweat party until graduation. I've been a VMI man. And surely I'll always be one, but most of all I'm looking to be my own man. Charade, I've really enjoyed your company. I think you understand me as well as anyone. Ring Finger, SBC, NC, etc., etc., we've had a great time. Thanks for making your home my home. But most of all thanks for loving me. I'd like to thank my parents for making this dream a reality. You've guided me like only you could. Momma, DeAnn was right! You know. I'll always appreciate VMI, but make no bones about it "I'd never do it again—never". Good luck fellows, Duke, dykes. Thank God it's almost over.

Dykes 1982: Rick "Moose" McCue, Ed Daniel
Rats: Terence McMillan, Chris Long













MARK STEPHEN EUBANK

"Snoopy, Mom"
Madison Heights, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Cadre Cpl. 3; First Sgt. 2; First Battalion S-5 1; FCA 3,2,1; Navigators 2; Retired Officers Medal; Distinguished Military Student; SCSC; Army ROTC Scholarship; Engineering Plt.

I sit here trying to think of words that could express how I feel at this moment, but none can really cover it properly. Each day here was unique in itself. Highs and lows came and went with every hour. The days were long and every semester another uphill climb. I look back and wonder how I was able to make it.

I made it because of the love that came from family and friends. When it came to going back to the "I" Grandma was always there ready with the last REAL MEAL before I left, also to Betty who always seemed to have lasagna whenever I came over on a weekend. For all the hugs, I thank Diane, Florence, Janet and my sister. For hunting tales and pranks, I can't forget Gary, Neal, Reid, and Bob. Tim and Robin for being the best of brother and sister. My roommates Matt, Jeff, Tyke, and BR's like Phil, Bill, Dougey, Rich and Stash are all the best of friends. We've all shared a great deal together. Raeann, I thank you for making Ring Figure one of the happiest moments of my life. And to all my BR's and high school cronies not mentioned; I give a sincere Thanks.

The biggest thanks goes to my Mom and Dad whose support but mainly your faith in me drove me on. You never complained but always encouraged. You stood behind me but never led me on. You gave me your love and never asked for anything in return; I Love You! And finally, I thank God for having all these wonderful people share their love with me. You've been there with me from the start.

Dykes 1982: Holt "Pearl" Evans
Rats: John Gillespie

WILLIAM NEAL FELTY

"Cone, Feltyhead, Chief Moe"
Tabb, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Football 4,3,2,1; Indoor Track 4,2,1; Outdoor Track 4,2,1; ASCE

I would like to thank all the people who helped me make it through this place. I especially would like to thank my parents and my football big brothers for their help and motivation. Good luck to my dyke with our adventures here at VMI and to Terry well see you next year.

Dykes 1982: Curtis Johnston
Rats: Terrence Huffman

TERRY DWAYNE FIELDS

"Gabby"
Burke, Virginia
History—Air Force

Rat 4; Pvt. 3,2,1; Airborne School; Dean's List 2

The last four years have been long and tiring, but at the same time they have been full of excitement. There were many times that I was ready to bag the whole thing and go to a real school. Fortunately, I realized the importance of sticking it out and earning the VMI diploma. I would like to thank my family for supporting me these last four years. I believe that graduation will be a welcome event for them just as it will be for the Class of 1985. Good luck to all my Brother Rats in their future careers. I also wish the Class of 1988 good luck during their next three years as VMI cadets.

Dykes 1982: Mike Shea
Rats: Guy Gormley, Sean Bischoff









RICHARD MAURICE FLANARY, JR.
"Rich, Tich, Rick, Flan"
Richlands, Virginia
English

Pistol Team 4,3,2,1; Tanker Platoon 4,3; Baptist Student Union 4, 3,2, Vice-President 1; English Society 3,2,1; Young Republicans 1; Parachute Club 2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; VMI Theater 2,1

Whether I want to admit it or not, VMI has been my home these past few years. The midnight card games, the hours and hours of listening to Jeff moan about his lack of female companionship, Lou's abnormal interest in Frank Sinatra, Eric's lust for backgammon, borrowing the "The Monster" for a brief escape from here, and calling Mom for a few seconds at home (which kept me from the edge more than once). These little things have made this "home" seem a little more tolerable. Yes, Mom, I am going to survive out there, and I don't need to tell you that I love you. Jeff, I will keep my head where it belongs.

"I do, I will"
—Shakespeare Henry IV, Part 1

Dykes 1982: Daniel F. Garcia
Rats: Thomas Doupnik



MARK FLESSNER
"Flez, Pops, Tony Montana"
Clearwater, Florida
Modern Languages—Marine Corps

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1, Dean's Honor List 3,2,1; Knights of Malice 3,2; VMI Firefighters 1; Room 323 Survivor 3; Sink Dwellers' Society 4,1; Operations Specialist 2,1; Class Birthday Celebration Comm. 2,1; President Reagan Fan Club 4,3,2,1;

When I look back at my years here, I'll always get a mental picture of dismal, wet, and windy January mornings. The one word that best describes this place in all aspects is "cold". Four long winters have left their mark on a boy from the Suncoast. The experience hasn't been a generally pleasant one, but it has in many ways been valuable. "Mother I" does have her gifts, and these are the ones I'll take with me: I have learned a sense of personal honor, learned never to surrender, learned to be careful in bestowing trust. Most of all, I have learned to chart my own course despite what others may think

To my roommates: I hope knowing me has been even slightly beneficial to you as having known each of you has been to me. Neil, John, J.J., Andy, Jim, Stan, Phil, Jim, Tom, Steve, and especially David, thanks for putting up with me and good luck. To the Mod. Lang. faculty: dankeschon, gracias, merci. To Lt. Hansen, USN, the finest officer I've met at VMI: I'll try to live up to the faith you put in me. To Col. Vines, the finest man I've met at VMI: Sir, you taught me well and guided me down this path. Mark Chadwick, thanks for the crazy breaks from insanity. Dad and Mom, the diploma is yours, I've done this for you, for what it's worth. John and Christian, stick it out, don't become bitter, wear the ring well. Vivi, jet'aime. Each time I've attempted something difficult, there have been people who said I'd never make it. So it was with VMI—they were wrong again. I haven't accomplished all my goals at the "I", but eventually I achieve them. For I have always been a survivor.

Dykes 1982: R. P. Wiggs, Mike Placzek
Rats: Christian "Grinch" Comberg



KEVIN MICHAEL FLYNN
"Flynn-Dog, Papa Smurf, Don Flynn"
Great Falls, Virginia
Economics—Navy

Drug and Alcohol Cadre Counselor 1; S.S. 4,3,2,1; Naval Aviation Club; Concessions 2,1

Here I am trying to reflect on the ride that I have just completed. I still remember standing in line on Matriculation Day. It was like standing in line for a rollercoaster which I was not sure of. Once I got on there was no way to get off until the ride was over. Well, it's over. Would I ride it again?... I probably would with the same apprehension.

I am thankful that I did not have to ride alone. Getting on the rollercoaster with me were all the people close to me. They rode all the ups and downs with me into the unknown and challenging darkness. Without the support of my parents, family, and friends I know I would have never made it. I know that I will never be able to repay you all but I want to thank you for being there.

On my journey I was fortunate enough to make new relationships and strengthen old ones. My new friends will always be close to me. The Jersey Boys, Stash; the family and all the dons; my partner Willi, thanks.

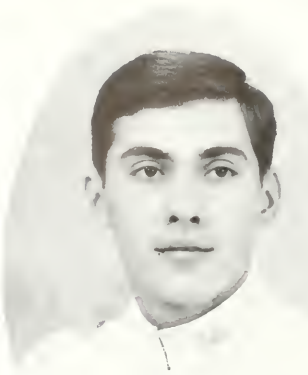
It seems like it all went by so fast, but not fast enough. I've changed so much in these four short years. I have to stop and wonder if I missed something along the way. Was too much of the boy lost in the bringing out of the man? I will never know and that is my only regret. I have learned many things on my journey but most important of all is that I learned to trust myself.

Dykes 1982: Richard Mustakos
Rats: Steve Parks









GLENN KARSTEN FRANK
"Glenn"
Roanoke, Virginia
Chemistry—Army

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Leslie German Award 2; Tennis 3,2; Am. Chem. Soc. 3,2, Pres. 1; Circle K Club 3,2; Pres. 1; Cadet Asst. Boxing 3,2,1; Red Cross Blood Mobile 4,3,2, Chmn 1, VMI Escort Service 3,2,1; VMI Bldg. Comm. 3,2,1; Projects Resident 3,2,1

Needless to say, the past four years have been unique, but ever more have bestowed upon me the very best and very worst times of my life. The diverse experiences, trying restraints, and seemingly pointless demands have inevitably matured in me a broader and sturdier character to stand on throughout life. Even still the most lasting memories will be of the friendships which have developed; and of those my roommates Chuck and Kyle I wish to thank the most, because more than just staying together throughout our cadetship a bond formed which I will never be broken. Also an unexpressable thanks to Andy, for even more than being a super dyke has remained a great friend. Jill, you'll never know how much you've helped me here and the special times we've shared I'll always cherish. Of the very best times I earlier spoke, I spent with you Bob, you've been an inspiration to me—GOOD LUCK! To Mom, Dad, and Brian thank you for your unending love and support. As unappreciative as I might have seemed at times, I owe everything to you—I LOVE YOU.

TAKE CARE ALL
G.K.F

Dykes 1982: Andy Douthat
Rats: Bobby Chaszar



JEFF ARNOLD FRASER
"Wabo, Ling-Ling, Panda, Ringleader, Simon"
Vienna, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

IEEE 3,2,1; Karate Club 3; Sport Parachute Club 3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Cheerleading 1; Pvt. 4, Pvt., Cpl, Pvt, Cpl, Pvt. 3; Sgt, Pvt. 2; Pvt. 1; Club "46" 2,1; Chairman Jabba Removal Team.

Well, what can I say here? I'm saving all the mushy stuff for when I graduate (which better be next year!) To all my departing "Brother Rats" I thank you for sharing all the times good and bad and for helping me see who I really am. As you leave and travel to all corners of the globe, I wish you good luck and godspeed until we meet again. To the four other guys of Club 46: Mike "Hutt" Hulyo, Graham "Ears" Rose, Warren H Shindle, and Don "Jellybutt" Monday, I will always remember the last two years as my very best here at VMI and cherish the special bond of friendship we have shared. Let's keep in touch and keep the Club 46 open for its traditions to pass on to our kids. Ching Pu, you are the greatest little man I know. I'm sure you will do great things in your lifetime. And, finally, to the rest of the VMI family who have been near to me, I'll see you next year . Check formation at Estelle's Grille!!

P.S. To my loving family, thanks for getting me this far .. only one to go!!!

Dykes 1982: Ross Rappaport
Rats: Brian "Buffy" Kieth



PHILIP ANTHONY GALGANO
"Gallano"
East Hanover, New Jersey
Economics—Army

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Reg. S-5 Sgt., 1st Sgt. B Co. 2, 2nd Battalion Commander 1; S-5 Staff 4,3,2,1; Institute Escorts 2,1; Cadre 4,3,2,1; Ring Construction Comm. 2; Drug and Alcohol Comm. 2m,1; Army Scholarship; Airborne; Dean's List, DMS, DMG.

A year of "normal" college proved to me that I wanted something different. That something was VMI. Yet, after my first day I questioned my decision, and doubt lingered in my mind. I decided, however, to press on. I wanted to do well just like my cousin, who I have admired so much. Now as graduation rapidly approaches, I find myself reflecting on my cadetship and trying to put it into words. The Institute forments us. We had to experience the worst VMI had to offer in order to recognize the best of times that awaited us. VMI is one of the few things in life in which one has a true love-hate relationship. VMI has changed me in so many ways and has taught me so many things I could not possibly list them. What has made VMI worth while are the friends I have made. Andy, Perry and John—Buddies like these can never be replaced, they're a special breed of people. My roommate Todd has taught me a lot about myself and other people. He is a friend few people are lucky enough to have. Stanley—he is truely my brother. As rats Stan and I had nothing in common. Our friendship was built on the fact that we were both from Jersey. Almost four years have passed since we matriculated. Together we experienced everything VMI had to offer. Stan and I find it hard to believe after four years we will go our separate ways. I love you, Stan. You were always there when I needed you—THANKS. To my family and friends, thank you for your never ending support. I dedicate my cadetship and my success to my parents, Mom and Pop. I love you more than I can put into words. I have always wanted to make you proud. I hope I have succeeded. PAG

Dykes 1982: Joseph J. McConnell
Rats: Trent Beck, Toby Hill

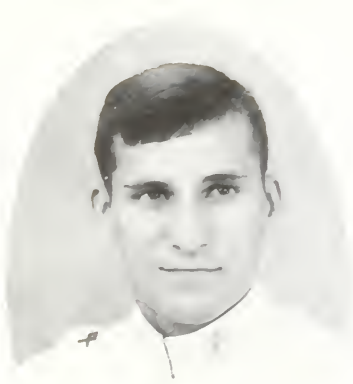












ROBERT LEE GARDNER

Woodbridge, Virginia
Mechanical Engineer—Marine Corps

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 1st Sgt 1; Scouters Club 1,2; Scouters Club President 1; IHTFP 1,2,3,4. Firefighters 1, 3-D Court 1,2,3; ASME 1,2, 3; ASCE 4. New Barracks Info Service 1,2,3; Rifle team 3; RFCC 2.

On 17 August 1981 along with an undisclosed amount of other matriculants, Rob Gardner arrived at the venerable "Mother I." Within the first moments on post, over 300 other unlucky college freshmen ask of themselves the same question: "What have I gotten myself into?" Four years later, the ones who have been persistent enough to weather the storms: ratline, academics, lack of female companionship, are still asking the same question.

Through it all, this lonesome Keydet kept his honor and head held high, through an engineering curriculum and the subsequent summer school "Tours of duty," third class year being constantly assaulted with "you suck" when we both knew who and what really sucked. 2nd Class year arrived with the long awaited and coveted VMI Ring. We finally realized a little of the magic that makes the "I".

At last, here we are at the helm. First classmen armed with all the luxuries the institute has to offer. It's been a good 4 years. The best of our lives, admit it or not, and I'm not sure I could have done it without you Rob. Thanks. Hope to be able to serve with you in the Corps, and however things turn out, I wish you the best in all your endeavors. Semper Fi-JME

WE MADE IT! I would like to thank my folks who made it all possible. Uncle Al and the chaplain who gave kicks when needed, and finally my roommates. Reid and Tab, you never let the dull and you are the best friends anyone could want. It will always be a Parade Deck to me.

Dykes 1982: Robert B. Born
RATS: Paul C. Murray

MARK ANDREW GEORGE

"Anvilhead, Squidley"
Middletown, Delaware
History—Navy

Rat 4. Col 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; S-5 Staff 3; VMI Firefighters 3,2; Rat Training 4,1.

It's hard to believe that I shall be leaving the Institute in a few minutes. The past three years have passed by rather quickly now that I can look back at them. I've had many good times while here at the "I" as well as a few bad ones, but I shall take all of the memories with me when I walk through Limits Gate. It will be a strange but nice feeling to look across the Parade Deck at Barracks.

John, I wish you the best of luck in the future. If I ever saw a Marine, you are surely one. May fair winds and following seas be with you as you ride your Harley throughout THE CORPS

Gary, although your cadetship has just started, time will pass quickly and before long you will be preparing for graduation also.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents. Mom and Dad, thanks a lot for everything. Too many things have happened since August 17, 1981 for me to list. Each and every time, I knew I could count on your being there. Thanks again for all of the love and support you gave me.

A special thanks to The Friskis for making this last year such a special one.

Dykes 1982: Joe Yodzis
RATS: Gary Reading

BRAD ROBERT GERSTBREIN

"Hebrew"
Media, Pennsylvania
History—Marine Corps

Rat 4. Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; Capt. 1; USMC Scholarship; MC Marathon; Semper Fi Society; S-5 tour guide; Int'l Rel. Club 2,1. History Dept. Cdt Asst. 1; College Rep. 2,1; Circle K 3,2,1; TCFC 3; Rat training 4,1; Firefighters; CWRT 4,3. VP2; Ranger plt. Tanker Plt. SCSC 2,1.

In writing about their experience at VMI, most cadets remark that this place cannot begin to be described in just a few short paragraphs. Pardon my unoriginality, but it is an injustice to think that VMI may be properly explained in anything less than several volumes. Just name the emotion, and you will find it here: love, animosity, childish glee, pride, depression fear . . . All of these contrasting feelings are experienced with such intensity over this four year transformation from child to man. Sometimes one finds himself cursing his existence at VMI, while other times one thanks God for leading him here.

However, there is one constant. That is the persons you interact with here are what benefit you the most. I have learned of all the important skills a person can possess to get by in life, getting along with people reigns supreme. Jack, Andy, Greg Bryon, Scott . . . is just the beginning of a remarkably long list of brothers that I have come to love here. Thank You friends, you have had an incredible influence on my life. Because of you, my education at this fascinating college has been only slightly academic and mostly a lesson in life. Laugh and live, appreciate and be forgiving, enjoy life and help others. Believe in yourself, your friends, and God the Father. I pray that I will truly be able to live by these guidelines.

Thank You Mom and family, VMI faculty and staff, brother rats and most of all the Lord. VMI, you are quite an education. Eagle, globe, and anchor—here I come. BRG '85

Dykes 1982: Chris Eichman
RATS: Mike McGraw









DENNIS VALERIAN GNATOWSKI

"Gutterman, Ski, Denbo the Gnatman"
Clarksburg, Maryland
Engineer—Special Student

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Rugby (Capt.) 4,3,2,1; Blue Whaler 2,1; Gutter Dweller 2,1.

When I came to V.M.I. I thought it was a joke. "I'm actually going to live in this hole for four years!" Well I made it and I owe it to all my good friends. Rugby, and most of all my parents. Whenever I got down or just totally fed up with V.M.I., the Rugby pitch was one place where I could take out my frustrations. Without the boys in 140 life here would be unthinkable. To Jeffbo, Bullet, Kelvin, and the rest of the whalers: thanks for the memories I can't remember. Last—but by no means least—I would like to thank my mother and father for their love and support through the whole ordeal. I LOVE YA! I just hope that my alarm will go off on 18 May 1985 and I'll wake up!

Dykes 1982: Wagner, D.T.
Rats: Higgins, R.H.



KYLE HUNTER GOLDSMITH

"Gold, Goldbricker, Mahatmagoldy, Goldburg"
Leesville, Virginia
Engineer—Civilian

Honor Court; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Softball; Rugby; Int. Bball; Concrete Canoe 2,1; FCA 3,1 (V-Pres.); Religious Council 4,3,2,1 (V-Pres.); Vehicle 3,2,1; ASCE Student Chapter; Projects Resident 2,1; Garbagemen 1

One day I actually called this place home. I was so awestruck that I laughed . . . with glassy eyes of course. Who could ever imagine referring to such a jungle as a home. Like a dear friend of mine whom once, long ago, had to endure part of his life in the wilderness, I too have had to endure part of mine within the confines of VMI. His example gave me the strength to endure the pressures within the boundaries of this jungle. The times I shared both good and bad, with those who became my brothers are eternally with me. If it was not for my loving and understanding family and friends the journey would have been close to impossible. Thanks Dad, Mom, Kam, Bruce, Glenn, Chuck and classmates. (There are many others whom I owe personal thanks to but, like all things here, the regs. don't allow for but so much to be said.)

> Dear Lord, thank you for your grace. I pray that now I can continue to grow with the strength and knowledge given from you, my family and friends from both VMI and abroad. AMEN.

Dykes 1982: Andrew W. Douthat
Rats: Patrick Burke



JEFFREY STEPHEN GOLEMBIEWSKI

"Golie, Ski, Golem, Animal, Mentor, Belushi"
Uniontown, Pennsylvania
English, Modern Languages—Navy

Football 4; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Rugby 3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2; VMI Theatre 3,2,1; Dean's List 3,2,?; Young Democrats—Chairman; English Society; Sounding Brass, Neuman Club; Foreign Study; Pre-Law Society.

"The days of wine and Roses are alas, slowly fading . . ." In these remaining days here at VMI, I can't but reflect metaphorically on my bygone days as a cadet. I saw here for the 1st time, spirited and noble contemporaries, tempered by the rigors and tribulations of institute ordeals, ratlines, Academics and most difficult, self-identity and maturation. Purpose may be the one and only factor which separate us from other educational institutions, for the process without a purpose is only an idea without an invention. I attribute my successes to my ardent devotion to God, loyal faith in our country, unshakable love of my family and my new-found commaraderie of my brother rats. Indeed, I consider myself a rich man. My errors seem to be shadows of my human condition and moral inadequacy. I must press onward. "The Days of wine and Roses are alas, already gone." —Jeff Golembiewski

> "Ad Patrum et matrum-Caude, Amours, et decorum"
> To my parents—Glory, love and honor.
>
> "I am the eye with which the Universe
> Beholds itself, and knows it is divine;
> All harmony of instrument and Verse,
> All prophecy and medicine are mine;
> All light of art or nature—to my song
> Victory and praise, in its own right, belong."
>
> Peter Bysshe Shelley

Dykes 1982: Bob "twink" Shaeffer
RATS: Doug "mowerhead" Jacobson













DONALD J. GRAHAM, JR.

"Airborne Dandy Don"
Reno, Nevada
History—Army

Ranger Platoon 4,3,2
VMI Firefighters 3
Rat Training 1
Nam 2,1

I would like to thank my family; especially my mother and father for the support they gave me these last four years. They have also felt the joy, pain, hatred and frustrations. Even though they never understood the mother "I" and the hypocrisy of the system and administration they at least tried to. I would also like to thank all my roommates and former roommates for putting up with me. I know I have been difficult (at times) to live with.

Dykes 1982: Dan Clymore
RATS: Andrew Urtiew

THOMAS STUART GREENSPON

"The Sponge"
Charlottesville, Virginia
English—Navy

Lacrosse 4,3,2, Captain 1; Sports Editor VMI Cadet 2,1; English Society 3,2; Historian 1; Monogram Club 2,1; Birthday Comm. 337; Cinema Club; Holiday Inn Window Smashers.

I feel like I've been dragged through the desert and beat with a buzzard's gut." —Stoney

As I finish reading the book about my four years at VMI, I feel as though I would like to thumb through the pages again. There are some chapters I would like to leave out, but the story would not be so unforgettable if I did. No doubt the best part of the book is the characters. I came to know them as brothers. On the lacrosse field, in the den, the barracks, or wherever these characters showed up there was always a laugh to be had. The plot excitement or a special kind of tension. The kind of the characters, they never quit and they made even the worst situations hilarious. I will miss those characters and know in my heart that this book will never remain on the shelf very long.

"You heard I run with a dangerous crowd.
We ain't too pretty, we ain't too proud
We might be laughing a bit too loud,
. but that never hurt noone."

Billy Joel

Mom and Dad, I know I made the right decision. A thank you is not enough, you have given me more support and understanding than anyone could ever ask for.

Dykes 1982: Bruce "Repeat" Gitchell
RATS: Walter Spence

JAMES ALLEN GREGORY

"Dr. Strange Agent Double Stuff"
Alburquerque, New Mexico
Biology—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; 2 year Army ROTC Scholarship. Dean's List 4; Cadet in Charge of Ushers—Chapel Service 3; Commander of Ushers 3,2.

The last four years have been tough, but interesting, to say the least. Academics have been a long uphill struggle. I have come to know and become very close friends with several of my BR's over the years. This friendship is what kept bringing me back to Lexington, all the way from New Mexico. Even though there have been times where life at VMI seemed unbearable, I would not trade my experience here. Thank you BR's, friends, dykes and family. You have made the struggle easier.

Dykes 1982: Scott Wooddell
RATS: Tim Hooper, Eric Mize













PAUL CHRISTOPHER GRGAS

"G.R. Gas, Gas, Both, Pillow"
S. Farmingdale, New York
hysics, Modern Language—Navy

Society of Physics 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3; Distinguished 3; VMI Theatre 2; Mallory Militia 4,3,2,1; France—Study Abroad 2; Cadet Asst. 3,2,1; Reg. Color Sgt. 1; Cpl. 3; Rat 4

Our first impressions of Paul were that he was a very quiet and shy BOY. We didn't really know Paul well until we decided to room with him third class year. Our room baseball games and late-night popcorn parties helped to strengthen the bonds of our friendship and we soon discovered the "real man" in him. Throughout our first year together we helped ease the pain of his seemingly unending women problems. Paul had studied hard that year, and even with his women problems, had earned the privilege of wearing stars second class year. Second Class Year we were all faced with the problem of finding dates for Ring Figure. The time had passed so quickly that it was only two weeks before Ring Figure when we all finally had "blind dates". Ring Figure turned out to be Paul's initiation into the world of wine, women, and song. Second semester found Paul in France where he used this newly acquired knowledge. Now that we're first classmen it seems we are closer than ever. We seem to be having more fun this year since it may be the last time we're ever all together. Paul, take care and go get 'em!!! WAA!! Signed "Buckwheat"

Learn the perfect model of the good, the use of which makes all just things and other such become useful and helpful.
Plato

Dykes 1982: John Reese
RATS: Mark Snedecor

MATTHEW PURCELL HADLEY

"Purcell, Hadwee"
Washington, North Carolina
Chemistry—Air Force

VMI Cadet, Advertising manager—2, Managing editor—1, American Chemical Society 2,1 Treasurer 1; Ski Club 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 2,1; Chemistry librarian 2; Cadet Waiter 2; Circle K Club 2,1; Rat training Bravo Co XO 1; C.R.C. 1, Computer assistant 1, Rat 4

With less than ten months of my college carrier left, I am called upon to summarize my experiences at the Virginia Military Institute. What seemed only yesterday to be August 17, 1981 is now three years distant and I have aged from eighteen to twenty-one.

With enough memories to fill this book from cover to cover, I find it hard to choose any one place to begin. Therefore, I shall start by expressing my never ending gratitude to my Mom and Dad for all of their love and understanding—more understanding than I could have dreamed of. Secondly, and most importantly, I wish to thank all of my friends: Matt, Walt, Palmer and Dave—my roommates, my brother rats, and those that I have met along the way. Whether we were spending a night in the woods with the skunks or on an early morning run around the parade deck, we learned to survive and to roll with the punches. "We learned to make the best of whatever comes our way."—J.B.

Dykes 1982: Bradford A. Burns
Rats: Gary L. Darr

STEPHEN BRUCE HAGAN

"Hook, Steppy"
Newport News, Virginia
History, English—Army

Cpl. 3; Football 4,3; Sgt. 2; English Society 2; Treasurer 1; Cadet Lt. 1; Rat Training 1; SCSC 2; Red Front Rangers 2,1; Distinguished Military Student 4

The VMI experience tries the patience of all who walk through limits gates, but the close friends I've met and lived with make the experience worth while. I'll never forget my close friends who've shared the trials and tribulations that we've overcome together. Nor will I forget the wild times we lived. The blue whalers, the rugby boys, the Den Crew, Room 233. We had some great times. Our paths will cross again. VMI has prepared us in such a way that only VMI can. It's time to move on. Thanks Mom and Dad for all the love and support you've given me the last four years. I hope I've made you proud. I truly love you. Fleacon, thanks for making it bearable.

Dykes 1982: Bilil Grigg
Rats: Lance Pickering, Carmine Inteso













GEORGE A. HALAGES
"Greek, BBA"
Richmond, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Army

Rugby, ASCE, Co-chairmen of the Pen Trow Cout, Member of The Earth Pen, Spanky's Boxing Club, UVA Cartwheel Committee

It is very difficult to sum up my VMI experience in only a few words. Perhaps these words will help: conduct probation, confinement, PT's; however, we have weekends, hops, football games, rugby matches and parties, road trips and the best friends, who will always be. The good and the bad. VMI always allows me to see the good times, and make them that much better, while the bad times seem to be viewed through a rose colored glass.

Now for all the thank you's that must be said. First, to Mom and Dad. Without you this place would have been unbearable. To Pronto—not a bad sales job. Marcus, BRF #1 says it all. Finally, to the brothers I have found in my roommates. Pig, Moose, Bobert and Slo Mo. We have had good and bad times together. I thank you for being my friends and allowing me to partake and revel in your company. One thing is for certain, without your help and support, it would have been impossible. May the best of luck follow each and every one of you. Moose, twenty years from now we'll still be selling shoes at Shoe Biz.

Dykes 1982: Mark Durkin
Rats: Stuart "Stu-Stu, Oompa-Loompa" Norris

MATTHEW BEECROFT HAMILTON
"Hammie, Slammie, Sledge, Hammage"
Sanford, North Carolina
Economics—Army

Honor Court 1; CPB 3,2,1; Cadet escorts, Investment Club 2,1; Lejuene Hall Receptionist 2,1; Blue Whaler 2,1; Red Front Ranger 3; Airborne 2; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt.-Reg. S-1 Sgt. 2; :3rd Batt. Co. 1; SCSC 2

A synopsis, rememberance, or thank you? I imagine that these lines should contain all three. The years have flown by, the days dragged, and hours crept. Yet the garbage at VMI can always be laughed at. Seems the good times outshine the bad in retrospect; very special times at MBC, Westmoreland and of course, Goshen.

The most overwhelming feeling that I'll take from here is that of brotherhood. VMI grows bonds of friendship that cannot be seen stronger anywhere. To experience that, was worth the stay.

A thank you goes to Chunk who opened my eyes to life after graduation. Doc, like many cadets that have proceeded me, you've afforded me a much needed piece of mind.

Finally to "the family" that lives outside of Sanford, thank you for all your support to 314 Summitt. To Mom and Mark, when the sheepskin finally arrives it will represent something we did together.

P.S. Picture taken by Great U. Jack

Dykes 1982: Bob Dorsey
Rats: Thomas Munno, Thomas Schumacher

RALPH PALMER HAMILTON JR.
"Bulldog, Palmhead, P.H."
Norfolk, Virginia
English—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Writer VMI Cadet 4,3,2 Assoc. Editor 1; Internat'l. Relations Club Driver 3,2 Pres. 1; Cadet Waiter 2,1; Jimmy Buffet/Stonewall Jackson Society of Admiration 4,3,2,1

Somewhere I must have missed the boat for the drawing out of the man; the whole idea of a three legged stool seems so simple, yet I still haven't figured out where to hide a coffee pot. The effects of the "I" have been positive, but it has been the individuals here that have taught me the most about myself and the life I want to live. My roommates have always been at the foundation of my well being and sanity. It's involved much give-and-take, and I do owe much to my B.R.'s: David, Matt, Matt, and Walt. Along the way I have also had the pleasure to share the sink with some other guys! Bob, David, Mike, Reid and Tucker the Goat. I thank each of you for many smiles and memories. To be alone can be the worst feeling in the world; I am fortunate that I've made some terrific friends who have helped to make the long hours seem worthwhile and the memories only fond ones.

While these ties are a gift I treasure, I could never make it without help from the outside. God bless Norfolk and my friends there. I'm grateful to so many for their support and love which keeps me going. Two super friends who have been with me all the way and always go the extra mile to make my college life complete and keep the Rat happy are Catharine and Michael. I love you both like a sister and a brother. Still, paramount to any success, happiness, or mere survival has been the love my family has given me. Mom, Dad, Kathleen, and my relatives have done it all for me. I thank you all for your patience and encouragement; I love you. I've got so much to look forward to; thank the Lord for giving me so much. Wake up Sniffin! Philo's over. RPH

Dykes 1982: John Chandler
Rats: Andrew Demaio, David Hope













LLOYD DOUGLAS HAMLIN
"Luscious"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Rat 4; Pvt. 3,2,1; Rifle Team 4; Tanker Platoon 3; A Co. Rep. Ring Design Artist 3; ASCE Student Chapter 3,2,1; ASCE Concrete Canoe Team 2

Entering VMI as a boy I had many things to learn, but I never knew it could be so much. Experiencing the Ratline and the BR spirit, the academics, and especially the Honor Code, I have learned more about myself and about others to a point I could have never known. Through the past four agonizing years of learning self-discipline and honor, I am finally glad to be leaving the "I", but now leaving as a man ready and willing to face the real life (and civilization!) To what I have learned here while at VMI, words alone cannot express my gratitude. Special thanks to: Barry—for moral support and all the good times; Scott—for whose arguing gave me an incredible ego problem; Cpt. R. Hartley and the AF Dept. for moral support and for initiating my AF career; Doc, Cpt. Kirkley, and Papa. Very special thanks to Mom, Ken, Mary Beth, Mr. and Mrs. W Noble '26, Nannie, Mrs Lacy, The Boswell Clan, The Hayes, and (in memory of) Grandad. Without these people the past four years would have not been possible.
Good luck in the future, Brother Rats!

Dykes 1982: Mark Dahlinger
Rats: Mike Lee

BRENTON DAVID HARDER
"B Hard, Skipper"
Potomac, Maryland
History/Spanish—Marine Corps

Pvt. 4,3; Cpl. 3; Master Sgt. 2; First Sgt. 2; Reg. XO 1; RDC Pres. 1; Dive Club Pres. 2, 1; Rappelling Cadre 3,2; Navigators Pres. 2; Jimmy Buffett Fan Club Forever; South Of The Border Spring Break Club 4,3,2,1; Illegal 4x4 Club 4,3,2; Bahamas 2.

Brent, fellow jarhead, you've got such a wild and carefree attitude, yet you always get what you want and manage to come out on top. You've got a way of smooth talking people into anything, but ya' know somethin'? You ain't home unless you have a beer in your hand, a jeep under your body, and the sky in your eyes! G.R.B.

Brent is one of a kind . . . he's got his act together, and he's holding it in one hand. Basically he's "hard-charging" and "casual" rolled into one. K.L. '85

What can I say? If we knew each other in high school, we'd have never spoken; but VMI threw us into the same room, and now you're my closest friend. Through the best and the worst, we shared it (and cut it awfully close too many times!) There's always a cold one in the ice box for you and Sandy, but I know you won't be strangers. BABS '85

To Jane and Mart . . What can I say but "I love you guys to the max!" You've always been at my side . . . and now it's my turn to stand by your side. Thank you for giving me the most important thing in the world, your love, guidance, and faith!

. "But there's booze in the blender, and soon it will render, that frozen concoction that helps me hang on!"

. To BABS, Jerries, and Kev . . . may you always be wastin' away in margaritaville! B Hard

Dykes 1982: Mike Gnall
Rats: Jim Florio, Dave Hickey

JAMES MICHAEL HARVEY
"Juan Pardo, Harv, Hank"
Newport News, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 3,2,1; C Company 4,3,2; H Company 1; H Company Guide on 1; UAV Commander 1

Well, the road has been long, very long and now as it is coming to an end it seems as if it is only beginning. There is not much I can say about my 4+ years here. I've had a lot of good times, but there have been a number of times I wanted to say "To hell with it" and and go somewhere else, anywhere else. I am just glad I had some good friends to keep me going and get me over the rough spots. And I am also thankful for the support of my family; Mom, Dad; I hope you are proud of me, I've done my best. I love you both very much.

As for my close friends, thanks for everything. Beaks, I hope we can do some more urban assaulting and maybe make a few calls after it is all over. Linda, what can I say, I'm certainly glad to be "the bigger half of your bestist buddies." I hope you and Jim are happy and I had better be invited! Gerry, well I'm sorry we couldn't make it three years, but next door was good enough. I hope the Marines are what you want; just don't fall asleep in your cockpit or foxhole, OK!? And last but not least, Sandy, there is not much I can say that I have not said before, I just hope everything goes well for you at W&M and you have the best of everything. I love you and will always be here.

As for VMI, all I want to say is Good-bye.
J.M.H.

Dykes 1982: Robert Zins
Rats: Ed Keesee, Greg Secrist













GEORGE W. HEADLEY
"Dago, George, Tyrant-in-Chief, Headwee"
Somerset, Bermuda
Chemistry—Special Student

Private 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2; Editor-in-Chief 1985 BOMB; Photography Editor 1983 BOMB; Sigma Pi Sigma 2,1; American Chemical Society 3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 3,2 Who's Who 1.

VMI is a culture shock. That is what we have all been told time and time again. Well, it was even more of a culture shock for someone straight from high school in England. I had absolutely no desire to go to university in the "colonies." But I must say that after four years at VMI I have no regrets whatsoever. VMI has been very good to me and has offered me many opportunities that I would not have received elsewhere. The people at VMI are probably the main reason that I can say that the VMI era in my life has been such a rewarding experience. Col. Wetmore has my utmost respect and life-long friendship for his dedication as a professor and friend. I must also thank Col Reithmiller, Evelyn Duff, Kathy Wise, Alie Buchanan, Col Read, Col Wentz, Col Buchanan and numerous others for all the help and support in the many crazy endeavors that I have tried to accomplish while I was here.

Dad, Mary, Uncle Hal, Aunt Jane and Kirk you have all offered me invaluable support and advice. Without the ability to call you all on the telephone and receive advice and consolation I would not have made it this far.

Mike, Alton, Bob, Keith and Steve, you have all been good friends of someone who on many occasions has not deserved the devotion and friendship that you showed me. Steve, you deserve a special mention for persevering through all that the "I" has thrown at you and still maintaining a rare, high quality personality.

Dykes 1982: Ronald P. McGovern
Rats: John A. Wright

BRENT HEARN II
"Brentilius, B-2"
Medford, New Jersey
English—Marine Corps

Marine Corps Marathon Club 2,1; Marine Detachment 4,3,2,1; Editor: Sounding Brass Literary Magazine; Editorial Editor: Cadet Newspaper; VMI Theatre 3,2,1; Ring Figure Magazine; Cadet Pub. Board; Academically Distinguished 3,2,1; Deans Honor List 3,2,1

Although most of my studies have been related to the art of written expression, and the degree I have earned attests to the fact that I am fairly literate, I find that this has been an experience which I cannot adequately convey in any easy manner. How could I possibly explain the relationships I have had with true friends—either my brother rats or my dykes—and what value could I place on all the sacrifices that have been made to insure my success. How can anyone be expected to describe their transition from youth to maturity.

The worth of my four years—all that has and hasn't been accomplished—is evidenced by what I am now, and I heartily thank my entire family and my dear fiancee for giving up a part of themselves in order to make me a whole person. They know truly what can never be expressed—I love you all.

P.S. Special thanks to the "session", my true teachers and the "wolfpack". May I never forget to ". . . fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run . . . "—R. Kipling

Dykes 1982: Terrence A. Belden
Rats: Robert P. Osgood

STEPHEN L. HEFLIN
"Rock"
Remington, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Basketball I, II; ASCE Secretary; ASCE Officer; Corporal; Sgt.; Lt.; Honor Court 1; Air Force Reserve Award; Air Force Award Of World Wars; AF Pilot Slot

As I walked in the arch and put my luggage down I heard someone yelling. I looked up high until I saw a bald "RAT" in a yellow shirt and red shorts, his chin against his neck and his body rigid. The "RAT" then proceeded to fall down the flight of stairs with his feet not acting as fast as his brain. When the "RAT" reached the bottom, a man in white told him to get up and without hesitation the "RAT" jumped up and moved on. As I looked with astonishment at my father, I laid my bags down and continued on my way.

The journey has been long, hard and demanding. The sacrifices have been plenty and can be only understood by the men who wear the ring. The question is, "Was it all worth it?" Let's just say that I don't regret my decision about going to VMI and my future rests solely upon my shoulders with a degree from VMI making the load a little lighter.

As the journey comes to a close thanks must be handed out to some very special people. John, Perry, and Art: thanks a billion! Darren, Cedric, and Mike: thanks for being around! Beth, Mitch, and "P": I love you all! Most importantly thanks Mom and Dad for you will never know much your support has meant to me the last four years. I love you both! And to Eric, good-luck and remember this quote, "YOU CAN BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO BE!"

Dykes 1982: Scot Barger
Rats: Eric Lassalle









MATTHEW SCOTT HENDERSON
"Puke"
Oil City, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Army

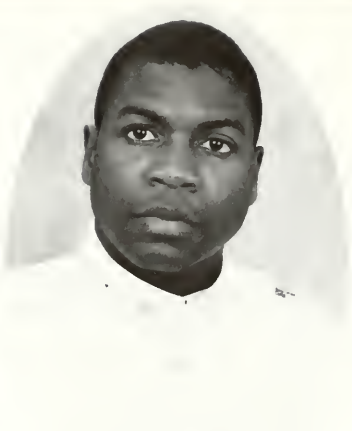
Varsity Wrestling 4,3,2,1; President of the OGA 1; Advertising Manager 2; ASCE 2,1; Ski Club 2; Circle K Club 2,1

I feel I've learned much more than engineering over the last four years. I've learned to deal with many inconveniences and many different types of people. I have definitely made some true friends. Friends that would bend over backward for me. Friends that are always there when you need them. Even after you leave them at Radford at 2:30 AM. (sorry Dave)

By no means am I going to miss the "I", but I'm sure in the years to come when I look back on my experiences, I'll remember only the good ones. Thanks to some good friends those good times are very memorable: Thanks Dave, Walt, Matt, Palmer, and Jim. I wish you guys the best of everything in the future.

I owe a great deal to my family. They've given me continuous support from day one. Thanks Mom and Dad, for being there. I love you.

Dykes 1982: Delbert Ertzner
Rats: Mark Allen, Brent Wilson



MICHAEL DEAN HERNDON
"Hollywood, Doof, Bumph"
Madison Heights, Virginia
Economics—Air Force

Promaji 4,3,2,1; D Phi D 2,1; Varsity Basketball 4,3,2,1; Society of Young Economics 3,2

It is very hard to put four years of the VMI experience into words. Trying to explain the "Rat Line" to a recruit is almost like trying to explain the concept of love to an adolescent, you have to experience it. I came to VMI with a blind ambition. I dreamed of parties, women and victories. Two minutes after matriculating I realized that I was going to be in for a long four years. It seems that every time I reach the top of the hill, VMI pulls me down and says start again; however there is one thing that VMI has given me that I am extremely grateful for, the opportunity to meet and share friendships with the greatest people in the world. As I depart I would like to thank my parents for their support in my venture. I would also like to thank rooms 141 and 156 for helping me pull through these final years. Finally, I would like to leave this bit of advice to those I leave behind. Remember, it is not your aptitude which decides your altitude.

Dykes 1982: Darren McDew
Rats: Steve Dorsey, Daryle Carr



DOUGLAS A. HILL
"Cucumber Head, Gen."
Charlottesville, Virginia
History—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; VMI Fire Fighters 1; Circle K Club 1; VMI Tanker Platoon 3; VMI Ranger Platoon 3; AUSA 2; Ski Club 1; Certified Scuba Diver 3; Dean's List

I came to VMI to obtain an education and a commission. I quickly learned that I was to obtain much more than that which I originally desired. Even though cadre remains a blur and the ratline a fading memory; I have retained forever the lessons of that brief period. If I have learned anything in the last few years it would be that nothing is as valuable as determination. A man with determination will succeed when all around him fail in frustration. I am including a letter from a friend that reinforced my determination when I needed it most.

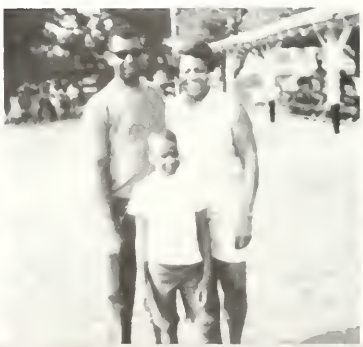
> "I was just looking back at the times we had together at the "I" and I must say, Doug you certainly showed me what it takes to get thru the "I". All those extra sweat parties you had to attend by yourself; I could not believe how well you handled them. You showed everyone there that through self-determination one can do anything he wishes and I commend you for accomplishing that task." G.F.B. '85

I wrote this in the hope that someone would benefit from my experience as I have. One does not have to be the strongest or smartest to succeed, just never say die!

Finally, I want to thank those who helped me through VMI. Mom, thanks for always being there when I needed you most. Thanks Grandmother, without your help I would not be where I am today. Thanks roommates, Craig, Steve, and Toom for the humor, listening to my many complaints and all your help. I would finally like to thank Sheryl and her family. You opened your home and your hearts to me. I will be forever grateful to you. I thank God for giving me all these wonderful people.

Dykes 1982: Dennis Adams
Rats: Scott Wyrick













HUGH ROGERS HILL

"Happy, Hugh Baby, Huge, Hubert, Harris"
Lebanon, Tennessee
Civil Engineering—Special Student

A Co. XO 1; Master Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Rat 4; Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Training Cadre 3,2,1; S-5 Staff 3,2,1; Institute Escort 3,2,1; John Calhoun Club 1; SAME; ASCE; RMWC Rangers; Rock Painting Comm.; Hotel Comm. Chairman; The MAM Fan Club; Club 54; Parental Scholarship; Tenn. Club

There I was on the Zambezi River surrounded by Zambezi Warriors. So I said to myself, "What am I going to do?" So I packed my bags and came to VMI. Although this is my senior history, I'm not going to try and recap everything. All you BR's will always remember and everyone else either doesn't understand or doesn't care. This place abounds with weirdness but the great times we've had and the opportunities that have been "Given" us are beyond measure. I may not have been the most serious cadet here at the "I", but I have felt the changes and pray that I have gotten all that I could out of this experience. To my firstus and bestus buddies here at the "I". Darren and Mike. In your own ways the two of you have pulled me through this place. I know our friendships will never die. I wish you nothing but the best! Dyke, wherever you are, thank you for your wisdom and guidance. Bill and Bill, what can I say you party animals. Thanks for your invaluable friendships. Jeff, you unique sort of guy you. Thanks for being you (?), and good luck. Joe Baby—where are you? Pick up the phone, give us a call. There are so many more of you that have been a true source of friendship and happiness to me. Thanks. Above all, I must thank my entire family. Your support and love has been a real Godsend. Momma and Daddy, thanks for your patience and the opportunity to do what I wanted. Lastly, to DJ and Mark, hang in there you've got what it takes.

"I shall pass through this world but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now . . . for I shall not pass this way again."

Dykes 1982: Jeff "Bag" Worley
Rats: Mark "Killer" Bristol, "Wildman" D.J. Derenzo

JEFFREY CHRISTIAN HILL

"J.C., Jar, Sgt. Carter"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps Special Student

Pvt 3,2; Sgt. 2; Plt. Lt. 1; Rat Disciplinary Committee 1; Concrete Canoe 3; Boxing Intramural 3,2,1

Well, here I am, my last year at VMI. There was a time back in May 1981 I was told that I wasn't qualified to attend VMI. Well after a few more endorsements from some respected people they let me come to VMI. I wasn't too smart, but I did have a love for VMI and a goal of graduating with a BS in CE in May 1985. Dad and Jane, I know my rat GPA scared you, it had every right to, it scared me. Julie, Chris we had our ups and downs before, I now realize how important you both are to me. I had a great teacher my rat year, my dyke, Randy. You have my deepest respect. I only hope I can help my dykes as much.

In all of VMI's 146 years I could not have picked a better class to belong to. I have gained so much from you, my Brother Rats, through thick, thin, fun, sad, confinement, GP; you all are the greatest, especially all you D-Studs from Delta Co., I love ya. We are the best class to enter Limits Gates. In this whole crazy world there is only one VMI and I am damned glad I found it!

Grandma, Grandpa, you are two of the finest people on this earth. You made every thing possible and the only thing I have to give to you is my undying respect and love for you. God bless you both. Mom I hope I have made you proud of me. If there is anyone I can talk to, it is you. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Dykes 1982: Randy Parker
Rats: Rob Campbell, Todd Oakes

THOMAS BRUCE HILL

"Benny"
Chester, Virginia
Civil Engineer—Army

Cross Country 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,1; Monogram Club 4,1; ASCE 1, 1.

It hardly seems time to be leaving VMI. There were so many times when I thought I would never get out of here. Now it seems the time has flown, and all my memories of VMI are jumbled together in one big blur. VMI may have its drawbacks, but it has many strengths as well. There is no doubt that VMI offers a special challenge, a challenge which I am glad to have finally met. I thank my parents for always being there for me, always being supportive and putting up with my shortcomings. I consider myself very fortunate to have parents such as you. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Dr. Monsour and the Hays family for showing me that there is some compassion at VMI, and for making this place a little more like home. Davis and Matt, you have been my friends from the beginning, through thick and thin. I have always been able to confide in you and I value our friendship. To my roommates, what can I say? We made it through together. We've shared a lot of good times and helped each other through the hard times. I'm glad to have shared so much with you. And now I offer you my congratulations for a job well done. Let's pat each other on the back and get on with it. I love it when a plan comes together.

Dykes 1982: Paul Webb, Ed Daniel
RATS: Greg Hoofnagle









KENNETH RAY HIRLINGER, JR.

"Dinger, Blondie, Fishlinger, Permit Rat, PW"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Swim Tm. 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 3,2; Virgin Pvt.; Guide on 1; OCA Sec; Rm. 300 Jungle Division; Arnold Air Society 3,1; 2nd Class Bomb Ed.2; Bomb Sports Ed. 1; Water Polo 3,2,1, Pres); Monogram Club 1; ASCE 3,2,1 (Project Officer); Concrete Canoe Racing Comm. 1; Academic Stars

VMI has been an experience that can't leave one's life untouched. On Aug. 17, 1981, when 450 individuals first felt the wrath of the cadre, everyone knew the next four years would have many unfavorable moments. But these moments, which included the loss of many 1st Class powers, are not worth writing in my history as who would understand. Despite their initial reluctance at me coming to the "I" my parents had a change of heart that first Parents Weekend. They saw their son as one of the proud 450 kids who were scared witless but were accomplishing so much. Thanks Mom and Dad. Throughout these years my best friend, Ken Walus, and I had our fights but became even better friends. As we graduate it will be 11 years where I have had another family. Thanks to the whole Walus family. Of course one can't leave out the close friends made here. Mike Ceroli, Glenn Hoffman, Graham Shirley and I went a little insane being roomed together for so long. But it was worth it as we were close and experienced many great times. Room 300 JUNGLE DIVISION left many impressions on everyone on how sick we were (fishhooks, facerake, eyegonge, nosephnge and our teeth, were almighty weapons). You all were the greatest. This last part is dedicated to Carla. Few people would expect a relationship from AF Camp to be as strong as ours. After a bad experience with a semite a girlfriend was almost out of the picture but you captured my heart and we are special enough to make a CO.-VA. relationship grow stronger. After we are in the Air Force many things can happen but I DO LOVE YOU and wish to spend my LIFE with you. YES ROOMIES PWed.

Dykes 1982: Bob Morris(81), Joe Mounts(78)
Rats: Adam Volant



GLEN ALLEN HOFFMAN

"H, Hoff, Horf, The H-Bomb, Mom"
Salem, Virginia
Physics—Air Force

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Sgt. 1; Dean's List 4,3; SPS 1; Bomb Staff 2; VMI Commanders 1; 300th Jungle Division 3; Mallory Militia 4,3,2,1; A.G. Shirley Fan Club 2,1

Four years is a long time, but there are a few people who made it possible. Mike and Ken—the only reason we made it four years together is that no one else would take us. Then third class year Graham joined in and we were stuck again. There were others, but not tough enough to make it all the way. We did have fun, most of the time. I guess I'm glad it's over. It's been interesting. Thanks to everyone else, PY's especially. How about those do or die situations where you didn't quite do nor didn't quite die? For those who think VMI was bad, just remember—LAB TYD! If there's any credit in getting out of here, it goes to Mom and Dad; who've been there always. My degree is more yours than mine. Finally, to my bestest buddies, thanks always.

Dykes 1982: Joe Scioscia, Son Le
Rats: Kevin Trzcinski



KEVIN LEE HOLLAND

"Cincinnatus"
Parksley, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Dean's list 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2; F.C.A. 3,2; ASCE 4, 3,2,1; Civil Engineering society of VMI (Charter member) 2,1; DMS-CMG; SAME ROTC Engineering Award 2; The Projects 2, 1; Circle K 2,1; Keenanese Translator 2,1; Dedicated Biker 4,3,2

I really don't know what to say for my first class history. I was always told, "If you can't say something good, don't say anything at all," so I guess I should reserve my comments on VMI. I have hated four years of getting screwed and I only treasure the memories of a few special friendships. The list goes for days, but a few BR's deserve special thanks. Bobby Joe, you kind of caught me at an all-time low and was there when I needed you after a trying end to 3rd Class year. John: all I can say is thanks for everything. You're a special pal. To Alex, Larry, Willie, John, Dave A., Dave O., and the rest of the Projects corner of New Barracks: Thanks for taking in this orphan. It's been real. Cincinnatus Lives.

A special thanks goes to Danks, Bob, and Ken. Bob: remember all the bike rides. Hey, break a leg, an arm, a bike, etc. Good Luck in all you do. "Danks, you gotta hit the ball straight." Ken, what can I say man? I'm so sorry, it hurts, mostly for the accident and secondly for the confinement. Sorry Ken and Danks. Also, thanks to Todd for the help on the night I came closest to leaving. Thanks also to Mike at UVA, one of the best friends a guy could have (Cindy too). Mom, Dad, what can I say? A certain special someone once told me, "Don't speak for yourself, let your actions speak for you." All the accomplishments of the last four years of my life have been dedicated to you. Thanks for the emotional and financial support. It helped a lot. Last but not least, the most thanks of all goes to the person responsible for my even making it through the Ratline, the toughest time of my life: Marietta, if not for your help, I would have never finished that first year. Thanks, and I love you.

Dykes 1982: Jim Simmonds
Rats: Ted Comeau, Trey Davis









DARYL ARNEL HORNE

"Delta Head, Horney Toad, Arnie, Shako"
Savannah, Georgia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Rifle Team 4,3,2,1; 1ROTCR Champion 2; Co-Cap. 1; IEEE 2,1; Sgt. 1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; RDC 1

As I write these words I find myself experiencing feelings which I can only term as total and uncompromising mixed emotions; the origin of which is centered around the irony of the short but ever-so-long period of my life that I have spent at the VMI. Looking back on my past it seems totally ironic that I would have ended up at VMI to begin with. And how do you explain the deep sense of attachment that one feels for a place that he or she has viewed with hatred and contempt so many times? Mom, thanks for everything. You have been my biggest inspiration and words can never express the love that I feel for you. You will always be my number one girl. I realize now that no other Institution could have given me the things I have gotten from VMI The superb education, that deep sense of pride that goes with being a VMI cadet, and the good, good friends with whom I have gone through times both good and bad. Hey Fellas, thanks for being there. As we go our separate ways I would like to wish you all the best of luck. Be strong, be cool, but most of all; be proud of what you have achieved. My only true regret is that fate placed me at this great Institution during a time in which many of the traditions that we have come to cherish are being cast aside. In closing, I'd like to thank God for giving me the strength to endure and overcome the many trials and tribulations that go with the struggle to become a VMI man.

Dykes 1982: Joey Keyes, Darryl Horne
Rats: Christian Comberg



REID IAN HOWELL

"Ion"
Annandale, Virginia
Economics—Special Student

Fencing Team 1,2,3,4; Corporal 3; Ops. Sgt. 1; TCFC 3; Bulldog Platoon 2; 3-D Court 3,2,1; Bat Cave 1.

First, thanks to all involved, especially my family. It has been a rough four years, but we made it, possibly a little worse for wear. Rob and Tab, thanks for putting up with me. May none of us ever get a "cuff" again. Mac, you don't need me to tell you—who's your buddy? To everybody else, "the credit belongs to the man in the arena." See you in the arena.

Dykes 1982: Tracy Henderson
RATS: Jay Miller



MICHAEL J. HULYO

"Mike, Husk"
Hughesville, Pennsylvania
English—Air Force

Varsity Football 1,2,3,4. Monogram Club 1,2,3,4 English Society Pre-Law Society.

The last four years at VMI have permanently etched in my mind the old adage: "Nothing worthwhile comes easy". I can't say that my stay here at VMI has been a pleasant one. What I can say however, is that no other experience will be as lasting, or as influential as my VMI experience. The past four years have been filled with a lot of hard work, frustration, and sacrifice. Now that the end is in sight however, all the sacrifice and pain becomes worth it.

No one can survive this place alone, and because of that I'd like to thank those who have been my crutches during my years at VMI. Julie, what can I say? You've been so great through all of this! You're love and understanding gave me strength babe. We're on our way now tweets. I can't wait to make you my wife. Mom and Dad, this diploma is as much yours as mine. I love you both very much. Jim and Arlene, thanks for everything. I love your daughter and I'll take good care of her. Uncle Al, you once intimidated a lonely rat, and then took him under your wing. Thanks for being there. Just remember that you'll always have a place in my home. Ringleader, Ears Worm, and Jellybutt, you took me in and made me a part of the club. You're all first class, and may God bless and keep you all. Dan and Darrin you've been great dykes; stick this place out, it'll be worth it. Take what VMI has to offer you. Just remember to put something back for all that you take. VMI, you've made me work and sacrifice more than I ever thought I could. What you gave me in return however, is priceless: honor, confidence, and a future. What more could anyone ask for?

Dykes 1982: Tom Trobridge
Rats: Dan Young, Darrin Simpson









DAVID SUMMERS HUNTER

"Huntski, Cheese"
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineer—Marine Corps

Cadre Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Operations Sgt. 1; VMI Firefighters 2,1; Boxing Intramural 2; Marine Corps Scholarship winner 3; Scuba Club 3; Intramural Basketball—Garbagemen; Bulldog Survivor; ASCE 2,1.

Well, after four somewhat enjoyable years, I'm ready to take on the real world. Thanks to my mother and father; for without their support and constant encouragement, to do my best, I would have never made it. VMI has been a heck of an experience, and I know that the ideals and friendships I've acquired here will last my life time. Also to Matt, John, and Neil—thanks for giving me the privilege of being decheesed in 108!

Dykes 1982: Ashley Burrell
Rats: Chris Hannum



KENNETH JAMES HURST

"Moose"
Richmond, Virginia
Mechanical Engineer—Army

ASME; ASCE; Earth Pen 3,2,1; Computer Graphics Assistant, Private 4,3,2,1.

Summing up the VMI experience in less than 250 words is almost impossible. As I look back on my time here, the bad times don't come to mind as readily as the good. VMI myself and the fact that life isn't always fair. I have no regrets about coming here; I missed out on the typical college experience, but I gained a lot also.

To me the people were the most important part of VMI. I doubt that I would ever have made it through here with out the help of my friends. The "Earth Pen" is like a home to me and I love its members like brothers. So thanks goes out to George, Joe, Rob and Tom, it has been an experience. I can't leave out my short friend Jeb, remember, be it next year on the high seas or next week on the obstacle course I'm with you in spirit; You've been a true friend.

I would also like to thank my Mom and the rest of my family for all of their love and support; I needed it. And to my uncle who talked me into going here—the reason that I came to VMI was so that I might be lucky enough to turn out a little like you.

Dykes 1982: Neal Rogers
RATS: Chris Baumstark



JOSEPH M.H. IRBY II

"Pig, EP, Earthpig, Joe Tauer, DDD"
Blackstone, Virginia
Biology

Football mgr. 4,3; Rugby 3,2,1; Rugby Party Chairman 1; Archeology Lab Asst. 1; Poppa Reeves' Boy 4,3,2,1; Trowel Crt. Cochairman 3,2,1; Chairman of the Earth Pen 3,2,1; Girls 4,3,2,1; Sloe Moe Debate Club 2,1.

I have excelled at none of the three legs on the VMI stool but that doesn't mean that I haven't learned. VMI has taught me much about myself and has hopefully prepared me for life. I know I can handle my own and other's emotions because mine and others have been put to the test since 17 Aug. 1981. Emotions run deeply at VMI. Fear, humiliation, hate, hope, and especially love flow openly and strongly. I've felt all these towards or with my roommates and I hope they have learned from these as I have. You've always been there and somehow withstood it all, thank you. Thanks for putting up with me from BRC to about 9:00 everyday. Ken, George, Rob, and Tom, I love you and I wish the best for you. Rock and WG, thanks for keeping me in touch with my roots.

Mama and Daddy, although your problems have been ever pressing, you never pushed, threatened or demanded. Thank you for letting me fumble along, learning the hard way but always guiding, feeling and loving Kelley and Mark, thanks for listening and humoring, understanding, and encouraging but most of all for being there.

It is most certainly evident and thus free from doubt that all things which are seen are temporal and things that are not seen are eternal. Anglo-Saxon charter 770AD

Dykes 1982: Mark A Lee
Rats: Mack Carr, Ron "Qualude" Kindley









ASHLEY KENT IROLER

"AK"
Claudville, Virginia
History—Special Student

rivate 4,3,2,1; Thrown Out 3
irefighters

has been an experience.

When I fight authority, authority always wins.
John Cougar Mellencamp.

top! I wanna go home, take off this uniform and leave the
now. I'm waiting in this cell because I have to know, have I
een guilty all this time?
Pink Floyd

eople living in competition, all I want is to have my peace of
ind.
Boston

m never going back again.
Fleetwood Mac

o way out, none whatsoever
Jefferson Starship

have become comfortably numb.
Pink Floyd

Don't look back
Boston

the cause of enlightened self interest I will refrain from
urther commentary until after graduation.

ykes 1982: Mike Ewing
ats: Pat Harvel, John Cartwright



DAVID HUGH IRVIN

"Dave, Turbine"
Wytheville, Virginia
Civil Engineer—Army

Private 4,2,1; Cpl. 3, Rugby 4; Cadet Staff 1; Cadet Waiter 1; Ghetto 3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Southwest Virginia Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Dean's Other List, Summer School 84,85

VMI was a big change from the hub of Southwest Virginia. Now it's almost over. I've had good times and bad times here at the "I". Rat year was a pain. Thanks Tommy. I couldn't have had a better dyke. "Love the one you're with."

I've made many friends here and without their help, I would not have made it. Thanks Mark, Mike, John, Jeff, Greg, Kurt, Ken, John, and everyone else. I'd like to thank Davidson "You Can't Have Nothing" Scott. Thanks for putting up with me (and all the girls I once knew) for four years. I'd like to thank Mom and Dad for their love and support. Thanks also to my brother, Ben, who was my biggest inspiration for getting through this Gothic prison. Now that my four year "Vacation" here is nearly over, I'm ready to go on. What's next?

"Going where those chilly winds don't blow." —GD

Dykes 1982: Tommy Sproule
Rats: Ted Cusick



KURT WILLIAM IVERSEN

"Joker, Musclebeach"
Parsippany, New Jersey
History—Navy

Private 4,3,2,1; Marine Corps Marathon 3; Layout Editor 3,2; Editor-in-Chief VMI CADET 1; Number One Club; Beeres 4,3,2,1; Ghetto 3,2; Sinks 1; Unauthorized Apartment Club.

I entered VMI in May of 1954. That may seem strange but it was the VMI of my father that I came to. I was rudely awakened that August of 1981.

Johnny P., John, and Ken—you've kept my interest in VMI thru these past 3 years. Everytime the inevitable confinement (thanks Maj. Madden), failing grades, or slam letters came by; you got me up by partying me out. The road from a 0.8 GPA my first semester, to Editor-in-Chief my last year. Some of my best friends have left (Ed Dickenson and Mike Stent), but they left an impression on me like VMI has; one never to be forgotten.

I've learned to really let it all hang-out in my roadtrips with my roommates, Benny, Davidson, Doug, Kurt Q., and all the rest. From third class year with the marathon and Ed, Frat's and Benny (and 2 months), to second class year with the Founder's Day Massacre and good times with Kath. I've enjoyed it all.

Unlike the bitterness some of us write here, all I can say is I've grown up and matured in four years at VMI like I never would anywhere else. Dad, it's you, Mom, and Grandpa I'll be thinking of when I get my diploma. I'll always love you.

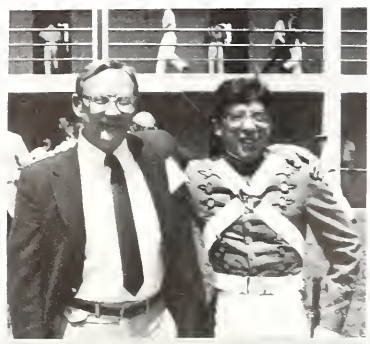
"Commissars and pin-stripe bosses roll the dice.
Anyway they fall, guess who get's to pay the price?
Money green or proletarian gray.
Selling guns instead of food today." —Wier

"One way or another, this darkness has got to give"

Dykes 1982: Robert A. McEvoy
Rats: Mark Moss









MARK WENDELL JACKSON

"Action, Actio, No Action, Mr. Universal"
Bozeman, Montana
Civil Engineering—Naval Aviation

Boxing 4,3,2,1; Runner-up 1984 ECBA South Regional Boxing Championships 2; Boxing Team Co-Captain 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; 02 Crew 3,2,1; A-team 3,1; Radford Raiders 2; L.A. Summer 2,1; NEB Demolition Crew 4,3,2,1; He-Man Women Haters Club 4,3, 2,1; Old Faithful 2.

Well, I would just like to start out by saying that VMI produces more real big winners than a high school chess team.

Actually, I shouldn't be so negative because I did learn many key aspects about life which will help me later on. For instance, absence makes the heart grow fonder. . .of someone else, the best trim is another mans, beer bong plus hotel room equals a $110 fine, stay away from Jack Rose on a hop night, don't throw beer on me at Ring Figure, sporting a trench coat at Zolloman's can be very revealing, Jud Springer is probably the coolest 6- year man you will ever meet, Ken Cade was responsible for the loss of Spencer's robe, not me! If you plan on destroying Institute property graduate the day after—right Jay? Chemistry labs can be fun too, poison Ivy is uncool, put off everything until the last minute—spontaneous thoughts are the way to go, finally and mostly, Virge was the best thing to happen at VMI.

> Twn roads diverged in a wood, and I—
> I took the one less traveled by,
> And that has made all the difference.

If you know within you can handle the less trodden path, blow it off and save yourself a lot of trouble.

Dykes 1982: Phil Dederer
Rats: Brian "Railback" Hatheway



KEVIN DEAN JENKINS

"Kevin"
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

Corporal; Reg S-1 Sgt.; Regimental Commander; Cadre 3,2,1; VMI CE Society; ASCE; Hop & Floor 4,3,2; Marine Detachment, Ring Figure Hotel Committee; Cadet Asst. Computer Center 3,2; Fluids Lab 1; Rappelling Cadre 3,2.

Kev, it's hard to express in so many words what could be said at this time, the end of our cadetship. For the past 3 years we have grown to know each other, but most of all we have formed the tight bond of VMI men. The difficulties of rooming together can't compare to the good times spent together. Even though you have been an old married man, let it not be said that you don't do it up right. Remember Columbia (Zacks-BR), Tech (Sacketts), and RF '85. Not to mention the hours of giving each other a hard time—especially Strib. You yourself have risen to the top of our ranks here—as you will do in the Marine Corps. Indeed they (will) have a few good men. Don't forget it's the team that makes a difference. It's been great. No regrets from all of us here in (305, 205, 105). WMS, TJU, JCH, RSM

Yes, I do love VMI, but the time has come to press on. I feel I have made the best of my 4 years, and I wouldn't trade them in for anything. No prophetic statements, only thanks: Mom, dad, Ya-Ya, Poppy, and especially Teri—you helped me more than you will ever know. To my roommates—you haven't seen the last of me. Keep in touch. You can all get anything you want in life—just "Go For It."

Dykes 1982: Tom O'Sullivan
RATS: Mark Stock, Andrew Barends



MICHAEL TROY JERNIGAN

"Mike, Tex, Chamelion Man, The G***d"
Richmond, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Navy

VMI Commanders 4,3,2; (Hood Raiders 3); Treasurer 4,3,2; Pvt 4,3,2; Frustrated Number Two Club 3; Dean's Other List 4,3,2; West-side Window Ornament 3,2; Band Co 4,3,2.

Oh, would I love to say that it'll all be over in weeks, but I can't. I can only say to my BR's that I missed you while I was away, but compared to after you leave, that will have been insignificant.

Jeff, Phil, and Craig—I'll never forget you or all the laughs and good times—or your right wing musical tastes. Nevertheless, these times together have been great. Please keep in touch.

"W.D." Keppel, left-wing partner in crime and other forays, I'll see you at the Jade, probably over a table littered with "Bart".

Mom, dad, and Cathy—you all have provided more help than you can imagine, and I could never begin to repay you. Maybe with God's and your continued help, I'll be out of this resort soon. Thanks so much.

This wouldn't be complete without a word of thanks to Will Schermerhorn, R-MC '85, so thanks, bro! Best of luck.

Good luck Thomas—see you next year

Dykes 1982: David Reynolds
RATS: Thomas Bohlmann, Mike Milligan









NORBERT BOHDAN JOCZ

"Norb, Mishkoff"
Blacksburg, Virginia
Economics—Army

United States Army Air-Assault, Airborne Ranger

NEVER SAY DIE!

Dykes 1982: Doug Smith
RATS: Krirkchai Kloyaroon, Thongvit Noonpackdee



MICHAEL EDWARD JOHNSON

"Big Ed, Spot, Lips, Cocker Spaniel, Mike"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Rugby 3,2,1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Cadet Asst. 3,2,1; Cadre 3,2; IEEE 2,1; Rat Training 3; S-5 Staff 4,3; No. 1 Club 2/1, i.e. 2nd class parking lot member; QWJAM 1.

If I only had four years of my life to live over again, would I be here? Sometimes I really wonder! I've had a lot of good times, but there were bad times too. My heart sways to and fro when I think of all that has happened to me and close friends throughout our many misfortunes and triumphs. I often contemplate ideas of how I could make the friendships I've made here last for an eternity. I wish I could list them all but that would fill the page.

Even though I feel ready to leap out into the world, I know I will yearn to relive my days here as a VMI cadet, only then will I realize that I've climbed the wall and led down the other side carefully yet roughly. This is the one reason why VMI is so dear to me, being completely prepared for whatever my journey into the future may have to offer.

Well, now that a short lifetime is coming to an end I look back to thank those so very dear to me: I love you Dad—you've helped me to see life in a way no one else has; and to you Mom—I could never express to anyone my inner thoughts and feelings except in those special moments with you. Your loving and generosity has guided me through many hardships and I could only wish that I have given you just a small portion of this in return. Mom, I hope I've made you proud. I couldn't bear the thought of ever having let you down. Lastly to Robin, only time will tell how our life together will endure, but my love to you is unending. I guess this is farewell to the "I" but its memories to me will be the best of my lifetime. Until we meet again, so long guys.

Your Friend Ed!

Dykes 1982: Ken Yates
Rats: Robyn "Little Ed" Johnson



DANIEL JOSEPH JORDAN III

"Book-em-Dan-O, DJ, Deej"
Trenton, New Jersey
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Virgin Private; Ring Figure Formal Ceremonies Chairman; Arnold Air Society 3,2; Reg. Band 4,3,2; Glee Club; VMI to Rutgers shuttle service; Official M.E. Guinea Pig; Enlightened Band Co. transfer 1; Jello Biafra Fan Club; Football game Bartender.

Why did you come to VMI?
That was a question I was asked on matriculation day. Being a scared and confused rat, I fumbled for an answer but I really didn't know. On that day I forgot everything.

Since then I've been asked the same question many times. I still have to think about the answer. Perhaps I won't know until after I've been out for a while. I give answers like honor, discipline, academics, and challenge. Yea—they were the reasons—I think. I know this—I'm not the same person who matriculated on August 17, 1981—now I can march in step.

O.K., I admit it! VMI has made me a more disciplined person who will (hopefully) reap the benefits of its honor, academics, challenges (like some of the mediocre minds running it), and other good stuff.

Before I rush out to take on the real world, I need to tend to some unfinished business:

Mom, Dad, Kathy, and Karen—I love you all more than I know how to say. Thanks for everything. Mike—I respected you greatly before coming to VMI. Now I respect you even more.

Dykes 1982: Alex Kuchnia
Rats: Dan McGarrity









JOHN HENRY JORDAN

"JH, Lobe, Jovan"
North East, Maryland
English—Army

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; English Society 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 2,1; Post Exchange Worker 2,1; International Relations 3,2,1.

The culture shock that was experienced by that naive eighteen year old who drove through limits gates on 17 August is something that is inexplicable. The choice to come to VMI is a choice often thought about, but never regreted . . . for I am convinced that failure would have resulted at any other school.

Without the help and guidance of my dykes in room 108 I would not be sitting here writing this right now. From the members of that room, I learned the pros and cons, the ins and outs, and most importantly, the do's and don'ts (or at least how to do the don'ts and not get caught).

The many study sessions in the Den with Rock, Flea, Mags, Charlie, Sponge, Stevie, and the rest of the denmates reaped more fruits than spoils. Uncle Horne, Shortie, Ed, Mule, Snake, Monkey, and the rest of the friends I have here will all be remembered. The friendships that are made here at the "I" are ones that are never forgotten and I hope and pray that I will be able to keep in touch with those whom I have grown to love so much.

I owe more than I could ever express to those two people who have been my sustinance while here at the "I", Mom and Dad, I Love You!!!

In reference to the changes that have occured, "It is not as it hath been of yore—Turn where—Soe'n I may, by night or day, the things I have seen I now can see no more."

WILLIAM WORDSMITH

Dykes 1982: Harry "Hank" Bitzberger
Rats: Anthony Wilson



JOHN JACOB KAPLAN

"Kap, Flash, JJ"
Belleville, New Jersey
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

Pvt 4; Cpt 3, Sgt 2; Lt 1; S-5 Tour Guide, IEEE 2,1—Vice President 1; ETA KAPPA NU 2,1—Vice President 1; Dean's List 3,2; Academically Distinguished 2.

VMI—A four year challenge—a place of outrageous regulations and constant policing. This is where I spent four years of my life. I hated this life and since the first day I wanted to return to freedom. However when I made the decision to attend VMI, I vowed never to quit. And even though I did not like the system—the "I" has turned my life around for the better. It delivered me from the life I was living in my home town, it totally separated me from certain people of my past and most importantly it taught me to appreciate my family and love life. Therefore, as the end is here and I can now look back—I thank VMI and say goodbye.

Mom, I just want you to know that I obtained the strength and courage to excel at VMI from you. I know I made you PROUD—I did my best. I love you and thank you with all my heart. Joan—no one could ask for a better sister—the never ending letters of encouragement kept my spirits high throughout my cadetship. Art and Steve, both of you are the best friends in the world, the constant good times kept me going—May we have many more in the future. The support which I received from my three aunts will always be remembered. The people of V&F who kept me in shape and having fun every summer. The Monster Mobile crew which supplied transportation throughout my cadetship and to a number of very important people I did not mention—I thank you!

Dykes 1982: Jerry A. Walker
RATS: Frank X. Loughlin



JAMES WENDALL KEAYS

"Ace, Cabbage-Head, Gus, Flyboy"
Oceanside, California
History—Air Force

Fencing Team (Sabre) 4,3,2,1; Co-Captain 1; Ring Figure Public Relations Committee 3,2; "Twenty-Minute Workout" Watcher 2, 1; Academically Extinguished 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1.

Four years at mother "I"; it went sn fast, maybe too fast, sometimes not fast enough. It will always be a second home to me in that some places and friends will always seem like home and family to me. There were times I hated this place and times I couldn't wait to come back to it. VMI has been more than a college it's been a goal to be obtained. My four years of learning and growing would not have been possible had it not been for some very special people. Most importantly my parents without them I never could have made it. Sure, there were hard times and I may not have shown my full appreciation, but you two will always have my undying gratitude for both your moral as well as monetary support.

I would also like to say thanks to Colonel and Mrs. Seebode, Colonel and Mrs. Hays, and Chaplain Caudill. You are the best friends a guy could have. You will always be of great importance to me.

To my rats; all I can say is best of luck, and keep your noses clean. I hope to see you both graduate in '88.

To Roy, You're like a brother to me and always will be. I know there were times you wanted to kill me, but you always stuck by me and that friendsdhip and support is the most important thing a man can have at VMI. I hope we can meet again in our old-age, drink a little beer and remember the wild times like Charleston, California, Ruidoso, and the '93 rooms. Take care my friend and may all your dreams become tomorrow's realities.

Dykes 1982: David C. Fritz
RATS: Samuel L. Tate, Mark S. Arhoneaux









JOHN DAVID KEENAN

"GQ, Mopped, Big Red, Carrot Top"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Rat Training 3,2,1; Baptist Student Union 4,3,2,1; Dean's Honor List 3; ASCE 3,2,1; Concrete Canoe 2; Rugby 3; FCA 2,1; Cadre Cpl 3; Private 4,2,1; Chapel Choir 3,2; Arnold Air Society; Self Authorized Late Lights 3,2; The Projects 3,2,1.

Each individual that comes to VMI gets something out of it that is hard to relay to anyone else. These past four years have been an experience. When we first came here as rats we did not know what to expect. Stripped of every individual aspect that we had acquired in the past 18 years. By using our own courage, personality, and strength we who survived became the VMI Class of 1985.

If one can endure the pressure that VMI continually puts on a cadet during his everlasting struggle to build character, then that person has become a whole man. One who knows in his heart when it is time to stand up for what he believes in and pursue that ambition that separates the men from the men above men.

To my mom, dad, and Jack: Thanks for all your support. There is no way that I could have come this far without your love. I love you all.

To Jim, Joanne, and Pat. Be the best you can be.

To my brother rats: Thanks guys.

> Lord, give me the strength to change the things I can, the courage to accept the things that I can not, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Dykes 1982: Christopher S. Simmons
RATS: Carl Alfred Mitlehner



JOHN GWALTNEY KEPPEL

"Wedge, Kepplemaggot, Mario Andretti"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Bomb Staff 3; VMI Cadet 2, 1; ASCE 2,1; Concrete Canoe 2,1; "Projects" Resident 2,1; VMI Scuba Diving Club 2,1; Cadet Waiter 1; Circle K 1; After Taps T. P. Club 1; VMI Summers '83, '84.

Well, what a long strange trip it's been! I'd just like to thank those who helped me through the last 4 years. Mom and Dad, my eternal thanks. Without your and God's help, I never would have made it. You have given me much more than I deserve and I pray I can repay you. To Chuck "Space" Pace, I owe you a lot of the low mischief/penalty ratio I have kept (til this year, thank you). Thanks for showing me the ropes, dyke! To my roommates (Begs, Bobby Joe, Michael, Mule, Mikey, John Henry, Dave and Tom) thanks for the company and for protecting me from myself. To Tex and D.J., thanks for the good times and the good music. To the guys in the "Projects", thanks for making our corner the best in Barracks. Molly, thank you for making rat year a lot more bearable, chum. Margaret and the girls at Sem, keep on having good times and stay happy!To my rat, "Frank" Burns, good luck in y our next 3 years. I hope I've been a good example of how to have fun and still get something done. Last, but most special to me, Anne I'll always love you and I pray we have many happy years ahead of us! (143, Skippy) I'd like to leave this austere institute of high learning with a quote I have often found appropriate:

> White collar conservatives flashing down the street
> Pointing their plastic fingers at me
> They hope that soon my kind will drop and die
> I'm going to wave my freak flag high.
> Wave on, wave on!
> "If 6 was 9"
>
> Jimi Hendryx

Dykes 1982: Chuck "Wacky II" Pace
Rats: Bill "Ferret Face" Burns



MEADE BENNETT KING

"El Rey, Bennett, Meader, Colonel, Pooh Bear"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Modern Languages—Army

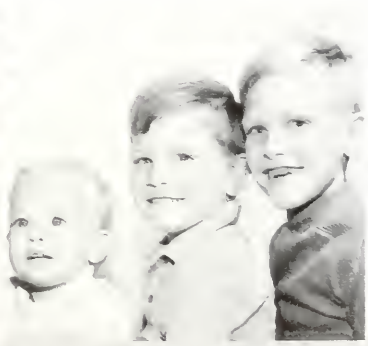
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3, Pvt. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 2; Lt. 1; FCA 3,2,1; Cadet Asst. 3; Rugby 3,2; USMC Marathon 1; CRC 3,2,1.

It's not over until the fat lady sings. So while she is warming up I'd like to thank all the people who have helped me through the VMI challenge. To the Mereditns, your contributions have been far greater than words could express. Doctor Monsour, I thank you and hope that I can one day help others who have passed through limits gates. I have always been given the freedom and support to make my own decisions, attending VMI was a major one, thanks Mom and Dad for being behind me all the way. Just how do you thank the people who have made you what you are? I love you! Now comes the really tough part, thanking Neb, Matt, Giovanni, Neil, Squirrel, and a handful of others, for sharing the laughter and the memories. You guys are awesome! Above all else, thanks be to God! Good luck class of 1985, lets keep in touch. I almost forgot, I owe a great deal of thanks to my sixth grade school teacher, who suggested to me, while I was her student, that I go to VMI. I'm glad I did it. Linda, thank you!

Dykes 1982: Duke Addison
Rats: Mike Anderson, David Carter









KERRY DOUGLAS KIRK

"Fester"
Salem, Virginia
History, English—Marine Corps

Academically Distinguished 3,2,1; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Cadet Program Board 4,3,2,1; Marine Detach.; Institute Escorts; Cadet Activities Comm.; Rat, Corp., Sgt., 3rd Batt. S-3 Lt.; Blue Whaler 2,1; SCSC 2.

What can I say about the VMI experience that hasn't been said? Not much, huh? It's easy to say it's been a long, arduous four years. What an understatement. Yet I've come to realize it's the good not the bad times you tend to remember. VMI survival rests on a good sense of humor. I will never forget the ratline, Goshen, road trips, Zollman's, hotel parties, blue whales, Ring Figure, OCS, and my weekly pilgrimages to Mary Baldwin. VMI is truly a formative experience and I feel the better for it. Despite all its shortcomings and frustrations, I wouldn't have gone to any other school.

To Bush, Hammie, Jeb, Flea, Hook, Ralph and all my other Brother Rats. I will always cherish the friendships we have. I believe we've finally made it. You guys are the best, and I'll miss you all. Good luck. I am mostly indebted to those who really got me through this place. To Dad, Mom, Bill, Keith, Kenneth, and Anne. I am eternally grateful for your love and support through the years. I love you all more than anything. I hope I've made you proud. Goodbye VMI. Godspeed 85.

> "I am grown peaceful as old age tonight.
> I regret little, I would change still less.
> Since there my past life lies, why alter it?"
> —Browning

> "I am a part of all that I have met.
> Yet all experience is an arch wherethrough
> Gleams that untraveled world whose margin fades
> Forever and forever when I move."
> —Tennyson

Dykes 1982: Keith Jarvis
Rats: Peter Moore, Eric D'Anna



WILLIAM HAMILTON KIRTLEY

"Woo"
Gloucester, Virginia
English—Special Student

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Hop and Floor Comm. 4,3,2,1; English Society 1; Lacrosse 2; That Big ol' No. 1 Club; Copenhagen, Beer, and Jimmy Buffett 4,3,2,1 . . .

The Virginia Military Institute—what a different and intriguing place I opted to call my school. The Institute is certainly not your ordinary college and those who choose to enter it are not ordinary. Extraordinary maybe? Yes, some would be classified as such. Abnormal perhaps? Without a doubt many would fit in this category. I, and the majority of people I call true friends however, are the normal people around this place. This brings me to the most cherished and memorable aspect of the Institute—the friends I have made. I've been fortunate. Meade, Sponge, the boys in S-56, W.G., H. etc., you guys are something else. My roommates, Davey Baby, Timmy-Tims, Jakester—I could not ask for any better. Mike and Alan, my buddies and my dykes, stick it out because it is worth it in the long haul. Also, you boys and girls back home have helped out a bunch—you know who you are.

> "It's those changes in latitudes, changes in
> attitudes, nothing remains quite the same—
> with all of our running and all of our cunning,
> if we couldn't laugh we would all go insane."
> Jimmy Buffett

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank my family—Pop-Pop, Bucky, Kap, Gray, Blair, and Tee—for all the love and support you all have given me throughout my four years. Thanks again, I never would have made it without y'all.
W.H.K.

Dykes 1982: Mel Nowlin
Rats: Mike Corson, Alan Hurd



JOSEPH HASKINS KLAUS

"Santa"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
History—Army

Boxing Club 2,1; Sport Parachute Club 3; Karate Club 3; Dean's List 2; VMI Theater 3.

> "That which does not kill us,"
> makes us stronger."
> —Nietzsche

I often remember hard times more vividly than the good ones. Maybe that's because the good times were less frequent. I'll always remember my confinement, PTs, and the thirty-two hour weekend VMI grants. But there were fun Hop weekends, a great summer in Canada, and a fantastic summer with Susan. As for my roommates, I'll never forget you or the times we had. All of these things I will cherish. Without them, barracks life would have been unbearable. To my family, I owe more than thanks. Each of you listened to my unreasonable complaints and still helped me however you could. The sheepskin is yours.

And even though I may never say it, I love you all.

Later VMI

Dykes 1982: Bill Burnette
Rats: Ted Wagner













GARY WILLIAM KLEIN

"Ranger Klein"
Salisbury, North Carolina
Civil Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academic Distinguished 2; Distinguished Military Student 2,1; Ranger Platoon 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Civil Engineering Society 2,1; ASME ROTC Medal of Merit; Airborne Ranger [OOOORAH!].

I would like to thank my family, classmates, and instructors for all the help and support they have given me over these difficult years. Dykes, no matter how hard it may seem just remember to keep your head up and "drive on".

Dykes 1982: Scott Woodell
Rats: Mike D. Owens

CRAIG ROLLISON LAMB

"Lambchop, Homer, Baba, Baaaaa"
Falls Church, Virginia
Engineer—Air Force

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; IEEE 3,2,1; SAME 3,2; Cadet Battery 4,3, 2; sport Parachute Club 3; Abn School 1; VMI Firefighters 1; Dean's List 2; Dean's Other List 4,3,1.

When I came to V.M.I. I knew little of its history and traditions. I would have been totally lost if it were not for my dyke. Tom, you helped me more than you know, and set an example for me to follow. I don't think I've let you down.

These last four years have taught me a lot about myself. I've done things I have never dreamed of. Many of these personal triumphs would not have been possible without the encouragement and help of my Brother Rats. Pip, four long years together and four more for you on the seven seas, good luck. Jeff, too bad you spent so much time on the big "C", you never let it get you down though, good luck in the Army. Mike, work hard for that sheepskin, it's worth it, don't give up.

We were told when we were Rats that the key to success was sacrifice. I can't tell you how true that is, but my sacrifice is only part of the story. Mom and Dad, you have sacrificed as much as I have. All of those restless nights worrying about me as a rat. All the time and money you have spent on me cannot be measured in hours or dollars. I know at times I seem to take this all for granted, but if it weren't for you I would not have the chances I have now. As long as I live I can never repay you. Sometimes I don't show it, but I love you more than you know.

I hope I have made you proud of me.

Dykes 1982: Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson Ingram
Rats: Edward Dana Wallenthin

MICHAEL JOHN LAMORE

"Louie"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Engineer—Army

Southern Conference Baseball Freshman of the Year 4; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Breckenridge Memorial Baseball Award 3; Third Team Baseball Academic All-American 2; Virginia Pilot-Massenburg Baseball Award 2; Academically Distinguished 2; Treasurer of VMI CE Society 1.

After attending VMI for four years I am absolutely sure about one thing—I'm ready to graduate. I have learned many valuable lessons during my four years stay and I want to give special thanks to these people who helped me along that road.
First, Coach White and Coach Maini, you two have been an inspiration on and off the baseball field. I want to say thanks to the professors in the CE Department. Richard and James good luck! Finally Tony, Joe, and Jack the memories will never be forgotten! I could not have asked for better roommates.
Another person who has been instrumental during my stay at VMI is Christine. Thanks for being so patient and understanding. We sure have had many laughs and great times together. You are a fantastic person.

Finally, I want to thank my parents. Without the support and guidance you have given me throughout my life I never would have made it. You two are very special. I am grateful.

In closing, the full VMI experience is truely unique. The Rat Line molded us into a class and the last three years molded us into VMI men. Only a VMI alumni can truely understand this system.

"Lifes' battles don't always go
to the stronger or faster man,
but sooner or later the man who
wins is the man who thinks he can."

Dykes 1982: Mike Eden "THE SNAKE"
Rats: Richard Stone, James Jannusch









SOLON JEFFERY LANE

"Jeff, Jeffbo, Hey You"
Arlington, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Rugby 2,1; Cadet Program Board 4,3,2,1; President 1; Cadet Assistant 3,2,1; Firefighter 3,2,1; AAS 3,2,1; Maggot 4, Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Captain 1; Busted twice; Blue Whaler 2,1; Homogea Club; Gone.

I'll never forget my first day at VMI. My dad looked around and said, "You're going to have a lot of fun here." A few hours later I saw my room and figured that either the interior decoration wasn't finished yet or that it was some sort of storage room. Why there was a mirror and sink in a storage room I wasn't sure. Well, I soon adjusted to the way of life and sure enough I have had some great times during my time here at VMI (surely not to forget numerous months of confinement, frustrations of every kind etc., etc., etc.). I'll always remember the friends I've made here, especially the dwellers of storage room 140, Bullet, Gnatman and Kelvin. Too much for words, they and everything we've done together will never be forgotten.

I want to thank my mom, dad, and brother Johnny for being mine. Even though I don't say it every day you're the most I could ever ask for. Thanks for your support of whatever I wanted to do and giving me the responsibility of choosing my own way. Thanks for the second chances, and thanks for being there. I can't leave out my dyke, Randy Parker, who is probably responsible for my still being here. I couldn't have had a better dyke.

Well, I sure hope it was all worth it. It's at least something I'll never, ever forget.

Dykes 1982: Randy Parker
Rats: Bill Gregory



KEVIN LEARY

"Stan, Scratch, Learge"
Madison, New Jersey
Electrical Engineering—Marine Corps

Pvt. 4,3,2, Drum Major 1; Tanker Plt. 3,2,1; Dive Club 2,1; TCFC '85; Cadet Battery 3,2; Pep Band 4,2,1.

Kevin, my co-yankee & engineer from club 124. You've got the heart and spirit of an L.A. who knows how to enjoy college. We've had some wild times and ended up in wild places, like in a car speeding around winding roads or on the cliff of a mountain in the middle of the night. Lets have some more wild times: P.S. A month wasn't that bad, was it? G.R.B.

What can you say about da kid from Jersey, 'cept, "What exit you live at?" Kevin came waltzing into VMI with the grin of a yankee, and the heart of a N.Y. Giants fan, but 4 years in the Shenandoah Valley got the best of Kev and now you ain't never seen a more southern yankee, or a better friend. A roommate of 4 years, but a brother forever. Bound by the trials and tribulations know only to the VMI man. B Hard

Kevin was the only one to stay in Band Co., but he had a reason: He got those stripes and that drum major-ship just like he said. At least he kept drum major all year—wanna go out Saturday, Kev? We made it through all 4 years as roommates, and even though there were distinct conflicts at times, there could never have been another like you. Good luck in the real world. AGB

VMI is an experience. Without Babs, Brent, and Jerry it wouldn't have been fun. Thank you mom and dad. I learned to appreciate the little things in life. I am proud to be a VMI man, and to say "I've done it." Good luck to all my friends. "May the road rise up to meet you . . ."

Dykes 1982: Robin N. Godshall
RATS: James Michael West



JOHN J. LEE, III

"J.J., General"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Economics—Army

Class Vice President 4,3,2,1; Honor Court 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Varsity Football Lettered 1.

When I entered Jackson Arch on that hot, humid day (August 17, 1982) I felt as if I had lost all the friends I had in this world. Little did I know that within the years to come I would grow closer to a group of people than I had ever been to anyone in my life. People that I knew would be beside me if I ever needed help. To the class of 1985, you'll always be in my fondest of memories. In closing to you I won't say goodbye after graduation, but until we meet again. To mom, dad, Mike—I can't express how much I love you. If it had not been for your love and support, I would have never made it. To Mike, Andy, Mick and Bart, Thanks for the times that we've spent together. Who could ever forget the midnight excursions or "Spunk." In closing always remember.

"To achieve all that is possible—
We must attempt the impossible
To be as much as we can be—
We must dream of being more."

Dykes 1982: Tony 'Appolln' Edwards
RATS: Tom Knox









ROBERT JOSEPH LINDGREN

"George, Bobby Joe, Grenlin"
Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Navy

ASCE 3,2,1; Civil Engineering Society of VMI 2,1 (Sec); Concrete Canoe 2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Number 1 Club; TCFC; Ring Const. Comm.; Ring Figure Mag.; Rock Painting Comm.; Drug and Alcohol Comm.; VMI Theatre 4,3,2; Rugby; Timmins Music Society 3,2 (Pres), 1; The Project 3,2,1.

The decision to attend VMI was mine alone. I arrived here with very little idea of what was to come. Now I know. I would not do it again, but I have learned much during my stay. The things I have been taught will not be forgotten. The friends I have now will always be my friends.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the institute. She is a stern taskmaster, but I now feel as though I am ready to face anything that will come my way because of what she has taught me. And to the many Brother Rats who made this place bearable, I offer my sincere thanks.

To my two greatest mentors, BG Knapp and Capt. Kirkley, I can only say that you have taught me more than surveying and concrete. You taught me the important and the true meaning of "Building Character." Once again, I have blundered into the truth: The truth of understanding

Stash, Phil, and Todd: Kimmy will be my wife in June. Could I ever repay you for that? I'll keep trying, but in the mean time, stay in touch.

I cannot say enough to my family or to Chaplain Caudill for the love and support you gave me.

Kimberly Christine, we are just now beginning the life for which we have waited so long. Your patience and love have been my biggest help. I love you, my Honey Lamb.

Coming to VMI was a mistake; staying was not.

Dykes 1982: Rick Kiester, Doug Burch
Rats: Brian O'Neel



GLEN JOHN LISELLA

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

IEEE: Golf 1; AAS.

Well, its been a long four years. Ones that will go down in infamy, but we finally made it. I would like to begin by thanking every one for their support. To my parents, thank you for your love and encouragement you have given me. Without it I know that I would never have had the will to stick with it. To both of my sisters, thank you for your patience with me. I know how much you enjoyed all those letters that I wrote the past four years. Finally to the boys in 140, thank you for making this place seem a little less routine, and a little more light mud. I only hope that we keep in touch in the future. Thank you all and God bless.

Dykes 1982: Bill Caulfield
Rats: Steve Place



NEIL SAMUEL LOWENSTEIN

"Lowenski"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Ft. Lauderdale 2. Pvt 4,3,2. Supp.; Sgt 1; Monogram Club 3,2,1.

As I sit and ponder what I will write I am trying to figure out how to put three years into this short space. So many names, so many faces, so many good times. VMI teaches much, but most of all I treasure the lesson of friendship. When I've gotten down there has always been someone to pull me through, especially John, Matt, and Dave who have put up with me, even before seven A.M.

Mom and dad, I thank you for your support, comfort, advice and tolerance. No one could ask for better parents or a family that has given more.

Thank you Ken and Brenda for a home away from home. Thank you Doc for the advice and your personal touch even though I'm a Dolphin fan.

All thats left to say is . . . come on graduation.

> All the worlds a stage.
> And all the men and women merely players:
> They have their exits and their entrances:
> And each over time plays many parts.
>
> Shakespeare

Dykes 1982: Charlie Sharp
Rats: Steve Krickovic, John Kay









JAY BLAIR LUCAS

"Moonbeam, Beamer, Lukus, Lumus"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Karate Club, Treasurer 2, President 1; Society of American Military Engineers 3,2,1; Regimental Band; Dean's Honor List; American Society of Civil Engineers 3,2,1; Pep Band 4, Crippled 2; Highway Cruiser 1; Private 4,3,2,1.

What can I say Jay? You've been a great friend. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to room with you. I will never forget your cruelty to insects or your fantastic break dancing. You have worked very hard with everything VMI has challenged you with. It is with this determination and strength that I know you will succeed in all that you do. Good luck always. PWD

Jay Lucas dances different, went to Uncle Joe's School of Illogical Thought, eats like a horse, runs faster than ME, and even has a newer car, but he's my friend anyway. A good friendship I cherish. Go for it Jay. DMO

Well, now it's my turn. Time has flown by since August the 17th 1981. I really had a lot of good times. The bad ones have faded as the years roll by. Thank you Mom, Dad, Janie, Guy, and all of my Brother Rats. I wouldn't have made it without you. I came here for the challenge and I got more than I bargained for. I'll never regret coming to VMI though. I don't know what lies ahead, but knowing the future would take the challenge out of life. I appreciate everyone who has made my life easier. I hope I can do the same for you. I'll see you on down the road Brother Rats. Go for the challenge and take care.

Jay

Dykes 1982: Russ Ebersol
Rats: Glenn Latham, Mike Milligan



JOHN CHARLES MALIK III

"Jay, Malachi, Curious George, Narcoleptic"
Binghamton, New York
History—Marine Corps

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 1; English Society 3,2,1; Vice Pres. 1; Sustaining Member VMI Lawn and Tennis Assoc.; Number One Club; Dyke School 2; Daniels Den Bar and Grill 2.

VMI, a savage journey into the heart of the American Dream, or was it a nightmare? Sure this place has its ups and downs, it's like an emotional roller coaster, but in retrospect I can only remember the good times.

VMI has taught me a lot about myself and others, but most of all it has taught me to take on a challenge and come out on top. The people I've met here are the biggest asset of all. GOO, MAGS, DAVE and TAYLOE I couldn't have done it without you guys; thanks for everything any may our bonds of friendship only become stronger with time.

Mom and dad, you have helped me most of all. None of this would have been possible without your support and guidance. Thanks, I love you both.

Dykes 1982: Jon K. Mott "Bamboo"
RATS: John "Zorro" Scarpino



PETER HAIK MANGERIAN

"Haiker, Foreheadboy, Sandboy, Mango"
Fairport, New York
History, German—Army

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Ranger Plt. 4,3; Acad Dist. 3; International Relations Club 3,2,1, V.P.; AUSA 4,3,2,1, Pres.; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Regt S-4 1; Airborne, DMS, International Relation Minor; Who's Who.

It happened so quickly I can hardly express all that is important in my four years here. To start with, Virginia proved to make it a lot more bearable. Fun and friendliness comes easy here and, as a New Yorker, I learned a lot to take back home.

I couldn't have made it alone, of course. Friends and roommates (sometimes there's a difference) help make it a team effort. A roadtrip to Goshen or to Florida with the guys put everything into the background.

My dyke, long since departed, I have to thank for setting me on the right path. I bested his few days of confinement in four years by never having had to sign a check. Thanks, Dave.

If my family at home and all the families I came to know in Virginia hadn't been here, I would've been really lost. My goal now is to show that the time spent with a bald-headed rat, a lowly third, a fun-loving second and an aspiring first was not wasted.

I wish good luck to everyone I came to know at VMI. Without you I wouldn't have learned half as much as I did.

Dykes 1982: David Holzback
Rats: Hugh Brien









THOMAS HUNTER MANNING

"Peach Stand"
Pine Mountain, Georgia
Economics—Army

Virgin Private; Football 4,3,2,1; Society of Young Economist 2, President 1; Investment Club, President 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Omicron Delta Epsilon; Monogram Club 1; President—Tommy's Peach Stand; Number 1 Club; C.R.C. Canoe Club 3,1; Beta Theta

The decision to attend V.M.I. was the toughest of my life. There were many emotional hours spent reasoning how other schools were surely the place for me, but when the decision was made, I knew in V.M.I., I made the right choice.

Four years later, there have certainly been some hard times, but the memories and friends are what will be remembered and cherished forever. Through the good and bad, we have never failed to laugh. From Rats to Firsts we have somehow managed to make it all fun. As our time together concludes and we are finally able to enter the real world, thank you V.M.I. for all the valuable lessons, and the best friends of my life.

Finally, to my family, I owe everything in my life to you and the Lord. Mother and Daddy, there is no relationship better. Our Love has made it all special.

Dykes 1982: Carl Showalter
Rats: Curren Bowen, Bill McGarrah



KARL WAYNE MARKS

"Commie"
Chester, Virginia
Economics, Modern Language—Air Force

VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1—President 3,2,1; BSU Council 3,2,1; Religious Council 4,3,2,1; Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; Sgt. 2; 3rd Btn. S-5 1; S-5 Staff 3,2,1; Computer Asst 1.

With a lot of anxiety and very little knowledge of my undertaking I plunged into an endeavor that would capture four long and often difficult years of my life. I had entered into a world that would reshape the experiences of my past and force me into a process of maturation that would have gone undeveloped if dependent solely upon self. I have truly begun to grasp the meaning of faith. The honor for which each cadet stands proudly has given me faith in at least a portion of a society in which honor has seemingly become obsolete. The loyalty of my friends and brother rats has given me faith in a brotherhood that rarely exists among the generations that we witness today. The undying love and patience of my parents has given me faith in the wisdom that they have always possessed, though at times I have neglected to accept it. The unseparable love of my Lord has revived and reiterated my faith in the eternal strength without which love, life, and salvation would be impossible. For these gifts, and many others, I will always be grateful to VMI.

To my mother and father I give my love. To Steve, Zane, Mark, and Matt (and D.C.) I owe more than I will ever be capable of repaying. To Maj. Robert James and Cathy, and especially the Petty's, I extend my sincerest thanks and love for my "homes away from home." Finally, I must congratulate Tom for surviving two years as my roommate, and Laura who has helped me and blessed me more than she will ever know.

KWM

> In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. —John 16:33

Dykes 1982: Jon A. Roach
Rats: Garith Palme, David Holland



SAMUEL ADAM MAROON

"Sammy, Sambo, Slam"
Manassas, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Corporal 3; Wrestling Team 4; Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee 3,2,1; AFROTC Vice Commandant Award; AFROTC Cadet Training Officer, Airborne, VMI Firefighters 1.

I'd like to thank my mom and dad for supporting me through my years at VMI. Appreciation is also extended to my dyke, Jim McCrary '82 for guidance during my rat year.

From my rat year until present, I've learned a great deal from "Mother I." My ideals have changed and I no longer take for granted certain privileges. Never will I forgo another Friday night's festivities.

In essence, I'm sorry that I can't impress upon an outsider "The VMI experience" by use of words alone. Only we, the men, who have become graduated "Brother Rats" will know the camaraderies, heartbreaks, worries, thrills, and triumphs of this noble institution.

Dykes 1982: Jim K. McCrary
Rats: Peter M. McCrary













PAUL RONALD MARSENISON I

"Slinky, Grubby, Woodie"
Oakland, New Jersey (Exit 156b)
Civil Engineer—Navy

Scuba Club 3,2,1; Softball 3; Water Polo 1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Cadet Assistant 2; Number One Club 3; 02 Crew 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1.

Well, I finally pulled it off. To go through the gory details would make even the most casual observer skeptical. Although there were many people who contributed to my triumph, Ronnie and Paula's names should be right along side of mine on the old sheepskin. Now it is time to move onward and upward, but I will always remember where I have been. Hopefully the hardest part is over, but who knows what evil lurks. By the way, I may have done it the hard way, but it sure was a good deal more interesting.

Dykes 1982: Fat Man Varga
Rats: Dizzy Gillespie

WILLIAM STEVEN MARSH III

"Marshman, Redneck Hillbilly, Mush"
Hazard, Kentucky
Biology—Army

Football 4,3; Athletic Trainer 2; Chapel Choir 4,3; Color Guard 2; Drug and Alcohol 2,1; Timmins Music Society 3,2.

Virginia Military Institute!!! Sounds pretty exciting doesn't it? That's what I thought when I received my acceptance in '81. Matriculation and the next four weeks sure changed my mind. Why didn't I quit? Why didn't we all quit? God knows I wanted to! My strength wasn't my own at first it came from home. Thanks mom, dad, and Kenny. The past four years are a blur. I guess it's because VMI has taught us not to dwell in the past, but to keep pushing forward. Sometimes it's painful to look back, but I will for a moment. It seems that the good and the bad have balanced out over the last four years. The ratline, RDC, bones, confinement, PT's, academics; I need not list them all. It's all over, finished forever. Hopefully we'll be able to forget all these and remember the Ring Figure, Parent's weekends, football games, breakout, graduation and all the events that have help us maintain our sanity. Thanks Todd, Dave, Terry and brother rat Biology majors you have been the best. In the future I'm sure I'll long to return to my room in barracks and crawl in my rack just to think and sort things out for awhile like I have a thousand times before, but goodbye Virginia Military Institute.

Pam I can't forget you, because you are definitely part of my future. I love you sweetheart!!!

Forward we go not to linger in the past.

Dykes 1982: Gray Scott
Rats: Steven King

TIMOTHY EDWARD MARTIN

"Timmy-Timms, Too-Tall, Blood"
Troutville, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

IEEE 2,1; Corporal 3; Private 4,3,2,1; Sport Parachute 3; AAS 1; Marathon 1; Softball 3; Ghetto 3,2; Ring Figure Comm. 2; Dean's List 2; Beer Drinking 4,3,2,1.

Many of my classmates will praise the Institute, proclaiming that she has tempered them into that proverbial VMI man. They maybe right. Others will vehemently damn this place, condemning the falseness of that same man. They may also be right. I subscribe to neither belief and yet to both. Against what is this man measured? I disagree with more than a few Institute policies, yet have done little more than nothing to change them. And what have I done to maintain those qualities with which I agree? Nada. Over the years I have developed a philosophy—a mental aloofness of sorts, about the I. It never did and never will instigate all of my dreams, but neither has it induced horrid nightmares. VMI is a single, simple stepping stone in the adventures of a solitary man. What he takes from her is what he desires from her. She may be a loving wife to some, nurturing and passionate, and to others a loathsome whore, vile and destructive. What is she to me? Perhaps just one concubine in a line of many. Intertwining with little emotion. Somewhere along the path I lost many of the qualities I liked in myself and replaced them with qualities that I am unsure of, but I found something that other travelers must have overlooked. A trite expression—the trite of life. Every other day brings a new adventure—a short story or a novel. A personal anthology that makes life interesting—a collection of sorrow and triumph. VMI being a single chapter, written with a dedication to and love for Mom and Dad, Dan and Julie, DOC, Wooski and Jakester. Goodbye VMI

Next Chapter . . .

Dykes 1982: Austin "AB" Beckham
RATS: Calvin "Cal-von" Anderson









ALEXANDER HAMILTON MASON Jr.

"Lic"
Petersburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

VMI Firefighters 2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; The Projects 2, 1; Number 1 Club; Rugby 2; Concrete Canoe 1.

VMI has been a very different experience, some good, many bad. I owe the good time to my wonderful girlfriend, Terrie, who comforted and consoled me during my rat year and showed me the real college life in the years that followed. Thanks Babe! Special thanks to Mom and Dad who gave me unlimited love and encouragement which has helped me more than they probably know. I take away many very strong and close friendships which I hope to maintain close contact. Thanks also to my dyke, Mel who once told me, "You ought to leave while you can cause it doesn't get any better." He was right except for maybe now. Rich and Larry my two roommates who were consistantly dependable and kept me company those lonely nights at the window. Aren't you glad it's finally over.

Dykes 1982: Melvin Talley
Rats: John P. Hesslin



ARTHUR PAUL MASSARO, JR.

"Art, Artie, Bulldog"
Canfield, Ohio
Electrical Engineering—Social Student

Football 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Cadet Cpl.; Sergeant, First Lt., 2nd Bat. Staff; Dean's List 2,1; President Eta Kappa Nu; Secretary IEEE.

I would first like to thank God for watching over me these four long hard years.

The one thing I will probably miss most of all about VMI are the sports that I participated in. The comradery that is built between the team members is everlasting. The feelings before and during a game are feelings that no person can describe. There is nothing like competition.

Mark, good luck to you in the future. You've been a great roommate. Johnny, what can I say? We've been through the last three years together gutting it out. I don't think I'll ever forget studying in the machines lab for finals. Remember Johny don't ever be satisfied! Give 'em hell at AFIT!

Mom and Dad, I could not have done it without you. Thank you for your support, your prayers, your guidance and your love. I love you both very much. Karen, Annie and Judy, I love you all! There is no family that loves each other more than the Massaro family. Grams thank you very much for the ring, it really means a lot to me. Grandpa you were right, you can do anything if you tell yourself you can. It's all a state of mind.

"Every person and every job will have its critics: A man must live in such a manner, that the criticism is over-shadowed by the quality of his work" —Arthur P. Massaro, Sr.

Remember who you are and where you're from.

Dykes 1982: John Bieltz
RATS: Sam Thorpe



CHARLES LEWIS McCARTHY

"Mully, Spunky, Ripples, Beachball Head"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering

G Company Supply Sgt.; Football 4,3,2,1, Lacrosse 3,2,1; Captain of Lacrosse Team 1; Monogram Club; Number One Club; 218 Cocktail Club; Birthday Comm.

When I was little, the only college I ever knew anything about was V.M.I. (Thanks to General Joe) It was the greatest place on earth to a little kid at weekend football games, and it was where I always thought I wanted to go. At least up until my junior year in high school. Then my "natural" playboy instincts took over and I decided I wanted to go to school at U.V.A., Hampden Sydney, or even W&L. But for some strange reason none of them accepted me. So I ended up at V.M.I., right where deep down I knew I would end up. Through my four years at V.M.I. there hasn't been one dull moment yet. Even with all the confinement, lack of class privileges, and demerits it seems that one's life at V.M.I. could get right boring, but there's always those friends who made the same mistakes and are there with you to make even confinement a blast. That's really the story of my whole cadetship. Being at V.M.I. the friendships developed seem to push to the wayside all of the hassels aside, and have made my stay here one I will never forget. But the real mainstay of my activities at V.M.I., whether good or bad, has been my family and my parents. Without their support it would have been much more difficult as a cadet. Thank you for everything.

Dykes 1982: Gray Hagwood
Rats: Clones 1 & 2: Ned Hannegan, Graham Hatcher









GARY F.L. McCLELLAND

"Mac"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Economics—Navy

Swim Team Captain, Letterman 4,3,2,1; Water Polo 4,3,2,1; Scuba Cadet Assistant Vice President 2,1; Composite Committee 2,1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Aviators Club 3,2; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Squadron Member Blue Whaler 2,1; C.C.S.C. 3,2,1.

To finally be called a VMI man is exciting. The VMI experience is one I never regretted. They took boys and molded them into Men of 85. But the road to graduation was not smooth. But as usual my family was there to help me. Mommy and Pops, your discipline gave me the character to accept VMI but your installation of "Never quit, Son!" made me strive for the diploma. Folks a thank you isn't enough for how much you sacrificed for me. All of my accomplishments, I owe to you! I love you! And thanks to my sisters and brother-in-laws. Without them and their crazy antics I could never have kept my sanity. They taught me to laugh when I felt like crying. Thank you family for your love and prayers. But two men made me realize that people do care at VMI. Thank you Coach Joyce for your lessons in patience. I owe all my swimming success to you. But the ABO helped me to live at VMI. And my deepest appreciation goes to Major Dan Troppolli. He showed me to accept all the pressures and smile. You are the man who always got the shaft at Smith Hall but you were the same man that would drop everything to see me. God bless you. Hey B.R.'s we did it!! Even though the big 4 star hated us, we survived a lot of "improvements". And finally thanks to the roomies. Guys we had a rip-snortin-good-time together. Boy the hangovers!! But the bonds and love we formed will survive. Your the best animals a guy could have as brothers. But why did you do that to my blotter? Well 85 we are out of here like a mad herd of wild turtles! Good luck! God bless the Blue Whalers and Rocky!!

ABO
MAC

Dykes 1982: Nick Roper
Rats: Evan [T.P.] Jones, Ricky [T.D.] Donovan



DOUGLAS ALLAN McGOWEN

"Magoo, Goo Monster, Goo, Dr. Destructo"
Meadville, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Navy

Rugby 3,2,1 Captain 1; Dyke School 2; A.S.C.E. 4,3,2,1; S.C.S.C. 2; Blue Whaleres 2,1; He-Man Woman Haters 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2, 1; Jay Malik's best friend 4,3,2,1; Sustaining Member. VMI Croquet and Lawn Tennis Association

"We was havin' so much fun,
I didn't know it was half past one.
Turned around to have one more,
I looked at the clock, it was half past four."
Blues Brothers

I remember the first day I met Goo: he stumbled in the door looking like he wasn't sure of where he was. My first thought was "Man, this dude does not have his . . . together." After Knowing him a while though, how wrong I was. Dug has done well at anything he's done, and has excelled at being one of the best friends anyone could ever have. JCM

It seems like I just got here yesterday, yet it also seems I've been here forever. They strip you of everything which has made me appreciate what I do have. They couldn't take away the friends I've made though, which is what really counts. Jay, Dave, Mags, Tayloe and Mac: thanks. It wouldn't have been the same without you. Mom and Dawn, what can I say except Thanks for the love and support. I love you

Finally, I would like to thank my father, who has been my greatest source of motivation, who has set by example all of the standards by which I have tried to live, who was always there to pick me up when I was down, and who wasn't hesitant to remind me who I really was when I got too cocky.

Dad, I only hope that I have made you proud. D.A.M.

Dykes 1982: Bob Briggs



JOSEPH CHARLES McDONOUGH

"Urgov, Dork, Sepp"
Norfolk, Virginia
English—Army

Academically distinguished, DMG

Thanks Folks

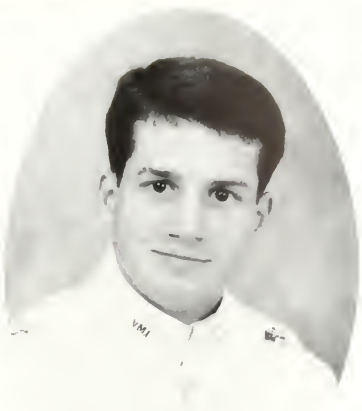
Dykes 1982: Andy Burris
Rats: Chris Beck

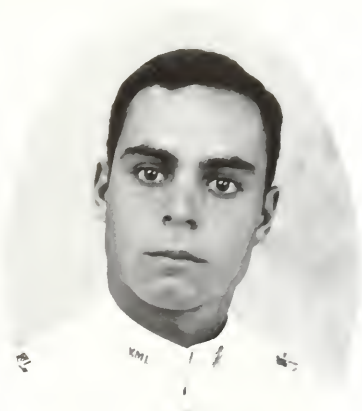












MARK WARREN McGRAW

"Tug"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Navy

Echo Company Guideon 1; IEEE 2,1; Hop and Floor 2,1; 1985 Ring Design Committee; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1.

I came to VMI in search of two things—an electrical engineering degree and a commission in the Navy. I have gained more from VMI than what I came here for. First, I would say that my family often put things in proper perspective and gave the drudgery a purpose: graduation. Thanks Mom, Dad, Dean, and Shelly for not only your support, but for your love and understanding.

Kevin and Fred, the last two years as roommates have been a blast. The best of times catching a few rays at Goshen or just blowing off some steam uptown. Kevin, all of the classes we were in together seemed to fly by with all the joking around. Fred, I really did appreciate your quick at times, . . but then again! Ken, Chris, Ben, Smarty, Ski, Dave, and Tom—a lot of great times at the "I" even when things seemed to drag on. Ken, I am glad we both made it together as electrical engineers. It seemed as lab partners we finally figured out what a resistor was.

The friends I have made here have made my stay at VMI. I learned a lot about myself, values, and friendships. Good luck, Dave, over your next three years. You too, Mike and Sam. It seemed to me that I was always in a hurry to get on furlough, but at the same time it seemed there was a time when I had to go back to the "I".

Dykes 1982: John "Cool" Carvil
Rats: Dave Williams

ROBERT L. McINTIRE III

"Muffin Head, Muff, Boo-Boo, Punch Face"
Mechanicsville, Virginia
History—Army

Boxing 4,3, Treasurer 2, Captain 1; Sport Parachute Club 2,1; Corporal 3; Regimental Sgt. 2; Platoon Sgt. 2; Cadet Captain 1; Airborne; Member of booring room 290.

I have often wondered if I would stick it out here, not because it was difficult, but because there seemed to be so many things outside of VMI that I was missing out on. Now that I'm a First Classman, it is easy to begin to put things into their proper perspective. Looking back, I don't think I've missed very much. I only hope that someday I will be wise enough to apply what I have learned here.

I have mixed emotions about VMI, some bitter, most good. I owe a great deal to many people, almost too numerous to thank. One day, I'll repay my debt. Thank you Mary, Mom, John, Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Medley, MeMa, All grandparents, the Allen's the Swain's, Virge, Scott C., Scott M., Jer, and anyone else I may have carelessly left out or meet the remainder of my First Class year.

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."
Theodore Roosevelt
April 10, 1899

Dykes 1982: Scott Crumpler
Rats: Jim Wiecking, Tom Bruffy

OWEN O'HENLEY McINTYRE JR

"Bush"
Woodbridge, Virginia
History—Navy

Marine Corps Marathon 3,2,1; Shamrock Marathon 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1, Blue Whalers 2,1; SCSC 2; Cadre 2,1

I had to wait a year before I came to VMI, and sometimes it didn't seem worthwhile, but I'm glad I did. The ratline was full of adventures like Russ Stewart busting into our room in the middle of the night, Dyke wrestling, and Purges. Third class year started out great, but ended in a second semester riddled with confinement and a very negative attitude. Second class year was the year that you finally got to receive the ring. Ring figure was a blast and I was able to find a date two weeks before the dance. I was lucky because she turned out to be a great date even though she picked the worst place to drop my ring, down the steps of J.M. Hall. Another big event was the founding of the Blue Whalers, with massive parties after the hops. Many road trips were also made, i.e. the VPI trip. Now it's my first class year and it has started out very well. The Blue Whalers are still around and road trips are being planned. Puke has already lived up to one of his nicknames. To my friends Festor, Hammie, Ralph, Colonel, Sanka, Brent, JP and The Blue Whalers, Thanks. Also to my roommates in rooms 455, 303, 233 and 144 we had some memorable events.

I would like to give special thanks to my parents who have always been there and always supported me. They also wrote me letters which no one else did. Thanks for helping me live this experience called VMI, the place you love to hate.

Dykes 1982: Perry Knight
Rats: Rodney Marks, Kent "The Lunch" Latimer













WALTER ANDREW SKIPWITH MC MANN

"Walt, Skip, Wasm"
Berryville, Virginia
Chemistry—Navy

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Rat Training Cadre 2,1; Library Assistant 3; Chemistry Library Assistant 2,1; Circle K Club 2,1; Editor '85 Ring Figure Magazine, OGA Vice President.

There is no way I can summarize my VMI experience, so there. I'm not going to. I mean, if you want to read a real tearjerker about how mom and dad, and girlfriend Susy Haybale helped to make it through the place, well get outta here ya knucklehead.

Due to lack of space, I'll omit all the girls whom I've made incredibly happy, and their respective schools, because I'm wanted by the campus authorities at the majority of them.

Mallory Hall, you can be glad I never made it into Navy flight school; I've got this vision of me flying over with a big grin on my face, my hands on the bomb release . . . of course, I'd make sure not to hit that preppy guy's BMW.

I guess I'd better say something nice in this history so I can still use Moody Hall. Buckwheat would say, "VMI you're OTAY!" A lot more otayer I might add, had I been a student of that glamorous goddess of Scottship Hall; funny how so many engineers were interested in short story!

Speaking of stories, this one needs an end, quickly! Thank you so much Dr. King. All the chemistry teachers, and everybody else who helped me through here. Most of all I give my love and thanks to my parents and friends, Hadwee, Matt, David, Palmer, and those devil music listeners in the hat cave. I love you all, good luck.

Dykes 1982: John Bangert
Rats: Charles E. Nelson

KENNETH E. MC NULTY II

"Help Received, Hoot, Mac"
McConnell, West Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

IEEE member; WV Club; 3 years of summer school; Pvt. 4,3,2,1.

It's finally almost over. The past four years have been long and hard. I never would have made it this far without the love, support, and encouragement from my parents, Kenneth and Sandra McNulty. My grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Woodrow Toney, also gave me a great deal of support and help throughout my time here. Thank you all very much for everything. I love you all very much. Chris and Ben, you have been great roommates. The best of luck to yon and to the rest of my friends here.

Dykes 1982: John Matthews
Rats: Steve Morris

SCOTT JOSEPH MEDEIROS

"Jocko, Jar, Psycho, Steve, SJ, SKOJ"
Falmouth, Massachusetts
Electrical Engineering—Marine Corps

Cpl. 3; MSgt. 2; 1st Lt. C Co. XO 1; Marine Detachment/Semper Phi Society 4,3,2,1; Ring Design Comm., Naval Aviators, Rat Training 2,1; Cadre 2,1; IEEE 2,1; BULLDOG.

I sought VMI for the challenge and unique education it offered and found the reward worth the work. It took determination, perserverance, and a good dyke to survive the ratline, but the worst wasn't over. Third class year brought academic pressure and increased responsibility and somehow I survived. Things seemed to be going down hill until I met the most important person of my life. With her help I conquered new challenges and began a new road of success. No, it hasn't been easy, but I'd do it again. I owe my success to my parents, for they gave me support and encouragement when I needed it most; Jenee, of course, the girl of my dreams; my future in-laws, for giving me a home away from home; my brother Wayne, for being the perfect Marine to follow; and my brother rats, whose friendships will last forever. To my dyke, good luck Joe and to all those who've helped me along the way—THANK YOU.

"For those who fight for it, life has a flavor the protected never know."—An Anonymous Marine Khe Sanh '68. To my fellow Marines . . . "Once a Marine, always a Marine"—Semper Phi! SJM

Dykes 1982: William Baron Tyminski
Rats: Joseph D. Elie









STEPHEN ANTHONY MEDEIROS
"Snake, Porch-wop, Blue Leader"
Seekonk, Massachusetts
Modern Languages—Marine Corps

Rat 4, Cpl. 3; Reg. Color Sgt. 2; Master Sgt. 2; XO Company D 1; Baseball 4; Marine Detachment 4,3,2; Bulldog Prep 2,1; Semper Fidelis XO 1; Cadet Asst. 2,1; Camp Despair 2,1; Great Cape Escape 2,1; Radford Road Trip Crew 2,1.

It has ended though, only for the moment. Why? For me, the memories cannot be forgotten, the feelings cannot be suppressed. from the very start, far from my home in Massachusetts, I knew this school was different, more different than I now even realize. In all aspects of my education, both on the grounds of the Institute and off, I have grown in discipline and self-assurance knowing I have endured and prospered where others have fallen. Friendships here, starting as rats and continuing now, are something that I will cherish always Jerry's friendship and John's infectious enthusiasm. I will miss Matt, as we have been together since rat year, and Jud, who has been my comforter in the room. The Animals, both Mark and Paul, who have kept my sanity (believe it or not!) through the years, and who I care about more than they know My Mom, Dad, and family I love and to whom I cannot expresss how greatful I am for their unselfishness and understanding. No matter what was said, done, or asked for, they were there. A son could not ask for anything more. Enough said.

"But we have begun. Neither wind nor tide is always with us. Our course on a dark and stormy sea cannot always be clear. But we have set sail—and the horizon, however cloudy, is also full of hope."

—John F. Kennedy

Dykes 1982: Larry Thompson
Rats: Rick Campbell, Todd Grissom



FREDERICK LEE MILLER
"Bird, Sleepy, Fast, Jesus"
Chantilly, Virginia
B.A. History—Army

Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; S-3 Sgt. 2, 2nd Lt. 1; Hop and Floor 4,3; Rat Training Cadre 3,2.

Four years ago I walked down a flight of stairs into the Ratline. I have been working my way back up ever since that fateful day. I now feel that I have surpassed myself, only to find how much work is still left to do in my life. Of course, I didn't walk down those stairs alone and I certainly haven't "escaped" by myself either. Everything at VMI in one way or another has taught me about people; especially myself. Life may appear as hard or as easy as one chooses to believe. The hardest way is often a reward in itself.

I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for the years of unending support before and during VMI To my brother, Doug: Good luck in all your future endeavors.

Mike, it was fun. Tug, it was all a joke! Let's go to the X. Kevin, The VMI experience would not have been the same without you as a roommate for all four years; we shook hands in the beginning as strangers and now we are Brother Rats and friends forever. Sam, I hope VMI means as much to you in four years as it does to me. It's a great feeling to be able to leave a place and say everything is "allright".

God,
Remember:
Past trips, Present trips, Future trips
Jesus

Kevin—I'll take the stoop, you take the window?!?!

Fred

Dykes 1982: Chris Abbott
Rats: Sam Russell



JAMES ROSS MILLER
"Sausahaid, J.R."
Burke, Virginia
Physics—Air Force

Low profile Rat 4, Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2; Lt. 1; SPS 4,3,2, Pres. 1; TCFC food sales manager 3; Karate Club 3, Sec. 2; PY207/8 lab asst. 2; Summer school 3,2; Airborne 2; AAS 1; Rat Training 1; Mallory Militia, Mistaken Army ROTC 4,3,2,1.

Trying to write something creative for this has been a difficult experience. It's hard to describe VMI in words without sounding schizophrenic. Feelings of joy and frustration gel to form a reality far beyond anything I've ever known. Bos, wake me up at five minute call when it's over . .

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for supporting me, though you may never fully understand this place. Unk, thanks for showing me that there's a light at the end of this tunnel. Thanks for the amnesty, Gov. Robb and Pres. Reagan. The one after Ring Figure couldn't have come at a better time Chuck. Thanks also to all those who made weekends the best part of the week. To the room 329 wrecking crew, you helped make third class year, well, different. Sorry room 327.

No one told me the hill of science was covered with mathematical minefields and Gaussian pillboxes . . .

JRM

You'll love it. It's a way of life.

—Zappa

Dykes 1982: Louis "Corruptor" Rossie
Rats: Bill "Jiz" Jasinski
Rich "You, you, you, banana-head" LaHue









SCOTT DOUGLAS MILLER

"Mitch, Eric Bloodaxe, Don Rickles"
New Port Richy, Florida
History—Army

Rat training cadre 3; Rat training Company CO 1; Ranger Platoon 4,3,2; USMC Marathon 2,1; Navigators 2,1; The booring room 290 2.

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for giving me the money and support I needed to stay. Thanks as well to the countless others who have made my stay bearable. I'm sorry I can not mention you all. As for VMI, I am in no more mood for thanking you than I ever was to my parents for beating me with a wooden spoon. Perhaps in time I can better appreciate that which is best, is not always the easiest. Whatever VMI is, good or bad, it is as much a part of me as four years can be. For me the Institute will always hold a lot of memories, both pleasant and painful, about what was and what might have been. As all who have been Keydets understand, but none who has not can, as much as I hate this place I still love it.

Dykes 1982: T.K.. "Cookie" Jarvis
Rats: James J. Stepnowski



MICHAEL ANDREW MILLIGAN

"Milly, Indy, Iron Man"
Indianapolis, Indiana
Civil Engineering—Special Student

F.T.A.F. 4,3; S.A.M.E. 3,2,1; Association of Special Students 4,3, 2,1; Cadet Battery 3; Rat training 2,1; Combat Engineer Platoon 2; Dive Club 2,1; Cadet Newspaper Staff 4; Cadet Assistant 1; Computer Asst 1; Weight Room Comedian 2.

I would like to thank God and everyone who has helped me throughout my cadetship and my life—dykes, brother rats, roommates, relatives, friends, advisors, (you all know who you are) and especially my parents. Looking back, I can see that I've done a lot of growing since coming here, but I know I've still got some growing left to do. So, here's to you, Scooter, you'll get yours some day. Gee, It'll be nice to be human again.

6/6/86?

WHEW!!
—M.A.M.

Dykes 1982: Adrian T. Bogart III, "Bogie"
Rats: Andy "Dizzy" Gillespie
Joe "The Breeze" Malone



KURT A. MINNE

"Mouse, Minne, Disneyland U.S.A."
South Holland, Illinois
English—Air Force

The Being-able-to-live-with-Cole-for-three-years Award

I could have used all this space to write about my dreams, goals, and accomplishments, but I am not going to. Hard to believe huh?

Greg, Brent, and Perry—thanks for existing guys. The session will always live. Mike, you match-head, thanks for a good room (finally).

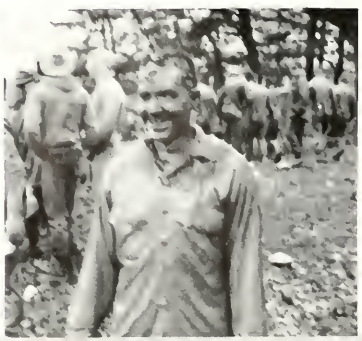
Bryon, what can I say? It only took us four years, but we finally got a real room. We have gone through a lot together—(namely roommates), but I will never forget your Southern humor, your animalistic outcries, your rockhard faith, or our mutual love for Jimmy "The Man." We all, "rolled with the punches, played out all of our hunches, and made the best of whatever came our way . . ."

Mom, thank you for your unending drive and my Haley humor. I must admit, there is a lot of Grammy in me—God bless her! And Dad, thank you for Minne patience and your own unique way of loving. I love you both very much.

To my lovely lady Linda. Well, we have been leaving each other now for about four years, and yet, my love for you has never been stronger. Thank you for writing, because without the love those letters carried I would not have made it. I owe you a lot of love and attention for those many absent days—I am just very happy that I have the rest of my life to pay back that debt. I will never forget that you are three-times my lady, or the promise you made me. I love you.

Dykes 1982: Ron Mecredy
Rats: Shawn Evans (another Illinois Boy)









PAUL GRIFFIN MITCHELL
"Snake, Mitch, Boomer"
Richmond, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Army

Tennis 4,1; ASME 2,1; Ski Club 3,1; Private 4,3,2,1; QW-JAM 1; Number One Club 4.

"The wheel is turnin' and you can't slow it down; You can't let go and you can't hold on; You can't go back and you can't stand still; If the thunder don't get you then the lightenin' will".

J. Garcia B. Krutzmann R. Hunter

What a three and half years it has been, but then East Lex decided to put 12 packs of Bud on sale and I got to spend a year as a civilian. Fortunately, thanks to many very good people, I was able to return. Much thanks (more than you could ever imagine) to all of you, especially my Mom and Dad for their unending support, understanding and money. I could have never done it without you. I love you both very much (you too Mary, but you know that already).

The good times I had at VMI with my friends can never be replaced. Camping trips, Goshen days, the Shed, QW-JAM, the parkway, Ben Salem, the mountain, never had such a good time . . . Thanks to all of you; "Mule", "Ed", Steve, "Monkey", Andy, Jeff, Darryl, John Henry, Quimbo, Waif, etc. "What a long strange trip it's been" (G. Dead). You guys are the main reason why I wanted to get back into this place bad enough to stop drinking.

"Nothin' left to do but smile, smile, SMILE!!"
J. Garcia R. Hunter
PGM

Dykes 1982: George "Larry" Thompson
Rats: Tom Kennedy



ROBERT T. MITCHELL III
"Bobbert, Bobby Ted, Disgrace"
Winchester, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Army

Trainer 4,3; Rugby 2; ASME 2,1; Superintendent Sponsored Sebatical 3,2; ODU '85 Club; Earth Pen 3,2,1; Spanky's Boxing Team 1; Sleep Mentor 2,1; College Republicans.

After four years, the Class of 1985 is graduating, well at least some of us are. It is hard to say what exactly we have gotten from VMI, but we have changed, hopefully for the better. VMI, more often than not, appears to be one large monument to machismo, bravado, and hypocrisy. Life is not always fair and reasonable, maybe that is good. The best part is the friendships, the hidden treasure of VMI. The 'Earth Pen' has made these years bearable and the reason I ever came back. Pig, Moose, Greek and Slo-mo, you are like brothers to me. To my Parents, what could I ever say that could even come close to saying what you mean to me and what you have done for me? Your infinite patience with me, while I was finding myself, was unique. You both truely stand alone, I love you both. Tom, I am glad we are finally close. Keep on pushin', be the Cadet I never was. To Amy, my double, your a great girl, you'll do good. Through the confinement, inspections, PE Department out of control, the 'Earth Pen' has made it. We've finally got our license to wear clashing plaids. Chilarious! Remember all the crazy times; I fully intend to do it again the next time we get together. Remember, if ain't pen, you ain't . . . !

'In the depth of Winter, I finally realized that within me there lay an invincible Summer.'
—Albert Camus
ILYBWCMI

Dykes 1982: Gary Persinger
Rats: Brad "The Ghost" Adams



ANDREW JAMES MOCK
"A.J., Andy, Danno"
Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Mechanical Engineering—Marine Corps

Rat 4, Cpl. 3; Sgt., Master Sgt. 2; G Company XO 1; Scuba 2,1; USMC Detachment 3,2,1; Water Polo 1; SCSC.

From August 17, 1981 to Graduation. Nowhere else is such a long journey made in so seemingly short of a time. I must admit that VMI was not very fun, but it's meaning was great. When I think of my start here my mind's eye sees Paul, my dyke. Never before has anyone tried to point me in the right direction. Your efforts were endless Paul, and I have come to appreciate them greatly in the past 3 years. As a third classman I saw another side of the Institute. No longer a Rat, I soon found that much of my education came from my mistakes, as well as those of others. Much of VMI's meaning came from a charismatic group of young men who were the Bravo Co. Rats when I was a 2nd. Now I'm a first classman and I'm trying, as I have on many occasions before, to understand why I did this. Well, I now have the answer and I feel stupid for not realizing this sooner. My answer lies deep in the eyes of the men I've been through so much with, my brother rats. All that we didn't have could never outweigh the priceless gift that VMI has given us. Phil, Stan, Woo, Mick, John, Bart, Tommy, Kevin—Brother Rats—to you I will remain Semper Fidelis. You were the reason I came here, and the reason I stayed. Time will never fade our memories, and no distance can ever really separate us. At long last I have a chance to recognize my family. My parents, Fred, Becky, Tom, and Granny. Thank you all for your love. Mom and Dad, I hope you know that I could never forget the love I had at home.

Dykes 1982: Paul A. D'Antonio
Rats: Tom "Babycakes" Reimann









DONALD LEE MONDAY

"Don, Virgil"
Alexandria, Virginia
English—Army

Yearbook 1; Tanker Platoon 1; Circle K Club 1; English Society 1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Club 46 2,1; Hop & Floor Comm. 1.

Well, I've finally come to the end of a very long road; or have I just comed to the beginning of an even longer road? Was it worth it? I think I can finally answer—yes. It's a thin line between love and hate, and I've ridden that line ever since matriculation. I've met people and made friends here that I never want to forget.

I especially want to thank my parents for all the support they have given me. I never would have finished without their prayers, letters, and visits. I want to thank you, Sheryl, for all the memories we've shared

Dykes 1982: Steve Barger
Rats: Lee Tyh Der



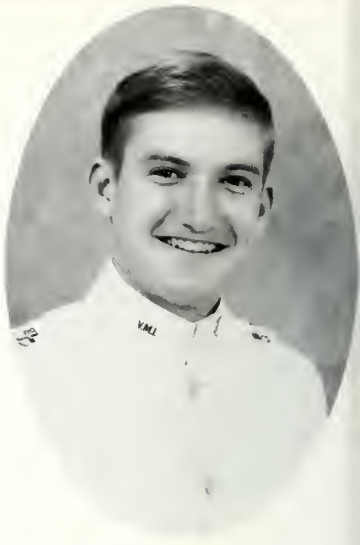
STEPHEN VAL MOTYLINSKI

"Mots, Stosh, Wad, FM185"
Eastchester, New York
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

Virgin Private; Arnold Air Society; Scuba Club; Young Republicans; Number One Club; Charlie Co. Guidon; IEEE—President; U.T.K.E.; King Confinement; 1st Class Grub.

As Frank Sinatra would say "And now the end is near . . . and I did it my way. But in doing it my way I've spent most of my cadetship on confinement. Despite being on confinement I still managed to have a few good memories. I can't remember Ring Figure so it can't be one of them. In all my memories, good or bad, there seems to be one common denominator, U.T.K.E. Without Mark this place would have been unbearable, but I probably wouldn't have spent so much time on confinement. I think rat year my dyke gave me the best advice about VMI "get out of this place as often as you can because that's the only way you'll stay sane around here." I've tried, but with no avail. But somehow, with the support of my family and friends, I've made it through the four toughest years of my life. To the CLASS of 1985, "This commandment I leave unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends."—John 15:2-3

Dykes 1982: Clem Zotto
Rats: Steve Quintavalli



GREGORY DYER MOYERS

"Moyersville, Turkey Farmer, Movers"
Moyers, West Virginia
Electrical Engineering-Navy

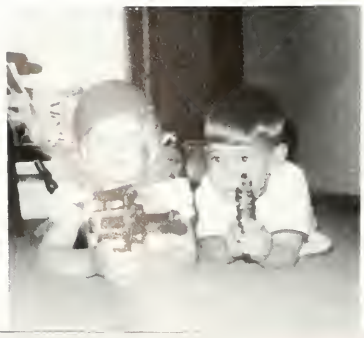
Pvt. 4,2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Dean's List 3,2; Cadet Asst. 2,1; NROTC Scholarship; Radio Club 2,1; IEEE 2,1; Tanker Pit. 1; Cadet Circ. Manager; WV Club 2, Pres. 1; Firefighters 1; Ski Club 3,2,1; Karate Club 3; Pep Band 4; Ghetto 4,3,2,1

I will always treasure both good and bad memories of VMI as they are shared by many of my classmates. I congratulate my roommates over the past four years for tolerating my depressive moods and I am deeply indebted to them for making life bearable.

The most important driving force in my cadetship has been my loving family. Mom and Dad, how could I ever thank you for the support that you have given me? From that night during cadre when I called home, through academic difficulties, and all of various escapades, you have been behind me all the way. Thank You. I would also like to thank a very special young lady who has made my last year more than I ever dreamed it could be.

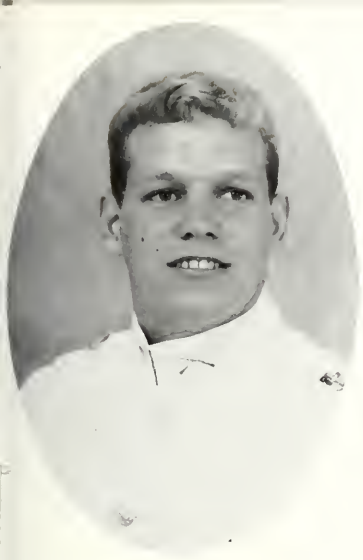
It's been real . . goodbye VMI . .

Dykes 1982: Bob Morris
Rats: Paul Hicks









DANIEL WILLIAM MURPHY

"Murph, Smurph, Magilla, Minski, Blackout"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Economics—Army

Virgin Private; Football 4,3,2,1; Society of Young Economist V.P. 2,1; Investment Club V.P. 1; OGA Sec. 1; TCFC 2; Pre Law Society 1; Deans List 4,3,2; Academically Dist. 2,1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2,1; No. 1 Club; Beta Theta P.O.P.; Monogram Club 1

I came to VMI unsure of what to expect, and found it can produce the best and worst of times imaginable. Now with a ring on the finger and a diploma on the way, no doubt the good times will be remembered, and far more often than the bad. VMI has taught me responsibility, integrity, and appreciation for the things most people take for granted, such as food, sleep, beer, and how to behave in stairwells at a hop. If I could do it all over again, there are few things I would change. One thing I would never change is the friendships. Thanks buddies. I would have been lost without you! I promise there will always be an extra plate at my table for a few beers, few laughs . . . and old times.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank the Almighty for blessing me with understanding and loving parents. Mom and Dad, anything I have ever done I owe to you. You have given me more love and opportunity than I know what to do with. I hope I can do something with it.

Dykes 1982: Kyle Weidlich
Rats: Brian Lewis, Scott Richardson



ANTHONY W. NEAL

"Tony"
Owensboro, Kentucky
History—Marine Corps

Simper Fi Fraternity 4. Drill Team 3; Theatre 3,4. Glee Club 1, 3,4.

The transition came like a thunderclap on a quiet evening that wakes you from your sleep. Then came the rain, in torrents, washing the sleep from our bewildered eyes.

For some it was no more than a mere inconvenience that seemed to last only a few moments. For others it was like the march from Bataan.

Many fell from the heat, or the pressure, or just from the exhaustion, and a few simply strayed from the trail of honor and were heard from no more. Many were lost, but even more stayed, those who had resolved to endure, and to triumph.

We were all volunteers, and the end of our journey is in sight. We all owe many things to many people for our success; our parents and family, our BR's, our dykes and friends, our country, and to ourselves. More than anything else though, we owe our thanks to God.

We are all stronger than we were before. Let's not allow ourselves to not use that strength for what is good and honorable. If God gives you something, it's because he expects you to do something with it. Let's not let him down after we have received so much.

I will miss you, my honorable and respected friends, via condios,

Tony Neal '85, Delta Co.

Dykes 1982: Dungee Lee
Rats: Shawn Dooley, John Wells



JOHN CHRISTIAN NEBLETT

"Neb, Neb's, Biscuit, Muffin, Tube, JC"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics—Army

Pvt 4,3,2,1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Young Economist 2,1; Investment Club 2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1 Vice Pres. 1; Rat Football; Rugby 3,2,1

Why VMI? I still don't know, but I do know that coming here was a correct decision. The benefits and lessons received here have been invaluable, but that doesn't mean I like this place. Then are we really here for enjoyment? No. I can't say we are, and we know that, yet we still go on. I think it is virtually impossible to beat this place on your own, and those that did I salute you. I didn't, and the support I received was the best. I know of very few of my classmates who received the same support I did. My mom and dad were there always; cheering, consoling, and helping. I truly believe that I am the luckiest person in the world to have the parents I have. Mom and Dad, I love you with all my heart. I want to thank my friends for also being here for me. J.P., Matt, and Mead, you guys are the best. Ed and Kristy, I want to thank you for your love and support. I consider myself to be very lucky to know all of you. I love you all Keep in touch.

Dykes 1982: Gary Persinger
Rats: Opus









CHARLES DALLAS NIXON JR.

"C.D.!, Yee, Yee Monster, Surf Nazi, Goat"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History—Special Student

Private 4,3,2,1; Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1; Schizophrenic 4,3,2,1; Discontented 4,3,2,1; New Wave Fanatic, Thrillseeker 1; 311 Bar and Grill 3; Engaged 2, Not Engaged 1 [and having more fun]; UA Excursion in Sem Dorm 1.

The end of all this madness is in sight now, but I will never forget the long, hard road it has been for me these last three years. I have tried to remain an individual, but a lot of my youth was lost in the process of becoming a worldly person. I have had many experiences, some good some bad, unfortunately my cadetship has generally left me with a strong feeling of resentment for this school and the military. I regret the fact that I have spent what was supposed to be the best years of my life in an institution that insanely regulates men's lives to the point that they have to sneak around like convicts in order to do things that everyday people do. Don't get me wrong, VMI is a very prestigious school of discipline, high standards, and honor. I just feel that I have missed out on a good part of my life by trying to build my character and be disciplined.

Now I plan to get a job and enter the real world and I see that I am only going to starting all over by readjusting my lifestyle. Only time will tell as to whether my college education has been beneficial to me or not. Tom, Bert, Opie: Thanks for being there these last trying three years, to all of my friends, I wish you good luck. There a lot of things that I want to accomplish in my lifetime, but I can only get on with that when I get out of college. Well I've learned quite a bit, put up with a lot of things that I had no interest in, but what the hell, it didn't kill me. Thank you, mom and dad and everyone who has supported my efforts! I love you. Sincerely, "CD"

Dykes 1982: Bill Towler
Rats: Bill Wong



MATTHEW EMMETT NOLEN

"Hexaballs, ME, Video Twin, Mr. Ole, Kraut"
Mountain View, California
Biology—Air Force

Fencing 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; CCSC 2; College Republicans 1; Arnold Air Society 1.

Only from death can life arise. We came, we saw, we sucked it up. Death came in the early morning; sweat parties and rifle runs. Now we arise from our mold/prison to face the grim realities of the real world. BUT, "We will all go down together." Face it, we are a class and will continue to be so even after we are gone. We made our mark here.

Room 182: Rob, Reid, Tab, please stay out of jail. OK? Remember our times together! The Bat Cave, Red Front runs and the excursions to Rob's house. W.G., stay away from the little boys and upside down margaritas! The Bio-Rats of 85: remember our first exams? Over the past four years you all have been good friends and associates.

To those who have helped me throughout the years, I must say a general thank you, there are just too many of you. Mom-Dad, to you a special thanks. You have put up with me for 22 long years. I hope I will be there when you need someone. I go now. M.E.N. (skin)

Dykes 1982: Jose J. Suarez
Rats: Brent H. Hashimoto



JEFFREY D. NORRIS

"J.D., Mr. Biology, 'Airborne' "
Chantilly, Virginia
Biology—Air Force

Rat 4, Private 3,2,1; Arnold Air Society 3; VMI Firefighters 3,1; Rat Training Cadre 1.

Love, honor and perseverance are the key to life.

Beyond this, I do not have anything profound or unusual to say. I would like to take this moment to thank and congratulate my brother rats [especially Mike, Bill, Hugh, Bill, and you too Joe] who have stuck out these past few years. Without each of you, this place would not have been the same. It is you all that makes this place special. Secondly, I would like to thank my family, especially you Mom and Dad, for always offering support, encouragement, and love. Finally, I would like to thank you, Lord, for without you, I know I would not have made it.

Dykes 1982: Stuart E. Byrd
Rats: Edward R. Page









W. KENNETH NUGENT JR.

"Nuge"
Salinas, California
History, Spanish-Air Force

Pvt. 4,2,1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Number One Club; Founder's Day Massacre; Airborne; Cadet Assistant 1; Posit Committee; Stent's Roommate 3,2; Symposium 84; Dean's List 2,1; EC/GC Secretary.

What can you say about this place? It is definitely a different sort of experience. One that can't be described. It has to be lived to be understood. I don't believe that I can pass on any great wisdom about surviving this place. You simply learn the system as you go, and hope you make it. I am still hoping. But I can honestly say that VMI has been a positive experience, at least so far. These past four years have been an exciting mixture of parties, travel, late nights of cramming, rugby, the Founder's Day Massacre, and yes, confinement. And who do I owe it to? My roommates who have kept me partying, and of course my parents who have funded this adventure into the unknown, and have suffered over my worries as much as I have. Thank you. Now I just hope that during these four years, I have built a solid foundation on which to build the rest of my life. This isn't the end, it is just the beginning!

Dykes 1982: J.C. Edwards
Rats: Richard Blocker



SHAWN PRESTON OLIVER

"Stracko, S.P., Preston"
Mission Viejo, California
Mechanical Engineering-Navy

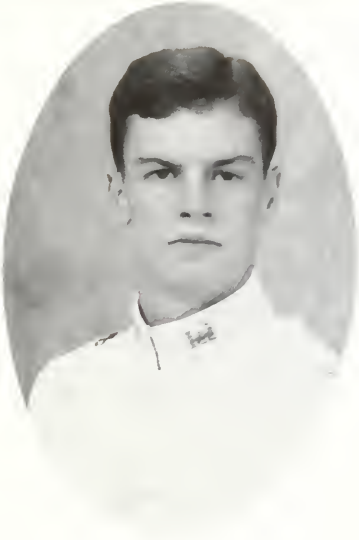
Cadre Col. 3; Ring Figure Honor Guard Commander; Ski Club Pres. 3,2; Homecoming Court 3; Ring Design Comm. 3; Cadet Recreation Comm 3,2, Pres. 1; Posit Comm. 2,1; Cannonball Comm. 2; Ring Figure Comm. 2; Mini Baja Project 2,1; First Class Editor '85 BOMB Rugby 4; Parachute Club; Pvt. 2,1.

Sitting down faced with the task of summarizing my feelings toward the Institute is possibly one of the most difficult things I have ever done. It is a tale of love, respect, perplexity, and frustration—but never hate. Looking back over the past four years, I can honestly say that I have experienced the very best and very worst which the Mother "I" bestows and I cherish each extreme equally, as they have provided the basis of many lessons. I have learned a great deal about myself and others, and accomplished things I never before thought possible. I have acquired a greater appreciation for things which others take for granted—like a good nights rest. The many sacrifices now seen so small compared to the pride I will always feel and the fabled sheepskin I will take with me. Thanks VMI

To my family—Words cannot express how much each and every one of you have meant to me throughout these four trying years. Thanks for the prayers, understanding, and love and for standing by me when I felt I was alone. I hope I have made you proud.

BR's—Without the many friendships I have made here all this would be meaningless, as it was been you who really make VMI what it is. Best wishes always.

Dykes 1982: Murray Hudson
Rats: James "Fuzz" Tuemler, Mike "After" Smith



DAVID MICHAEL OLSON

"Molson, Jimmy"
Staunton, Virginia
Civil Engineer-Army

S.A.M.E. 3,2,1; A.S.C.E. Student Chapter 3,2,1; Hop and Floor 4,3, 2,1; Circle-K Club 1; VMI Fire-Fighters 1; VMI Sports Parachute Club 2; Private 4,3,2,1.

As Dave's roommate for three years, I can truly say that he has become one of the best friends I have ever had. He is a very generous and outgoing person who has become a good friend to all those around him. In addition to these qualities, Dave is also a very hard worker who always does his best.

I will always remember the roadtrip to Jersey, Taking Dave for a walk at Mary Washington, and the numerous after-taps firework displays. These are just a few of the good times we have shared. Now we will leave VMI behind and step out into the real world. Good luck Dave with all that you set out to do. I will miss our time together. P.W.D.

Dave came down the road to VMI and ran smack into the Ratline. Even after surviving the Ratline, he had to put up with me for two years, which rates him pretty high. Dave kept patience to my illogical ways, and he even put up with some of my music. Dave is someone I can count on, which means a lot. Take care Dave. I wonder where we will be twenty years from now? Jay L.

Well "Molson", it looks like we're finally out of this place. It seems like so long ago when we were roommates in the Ratline. We had some good times together!! Like that sock fight Russ Stuart walked in on, or that radio we never got caught with. Good luck to you and Dawn and I'll see you at the reunion. Moonhead

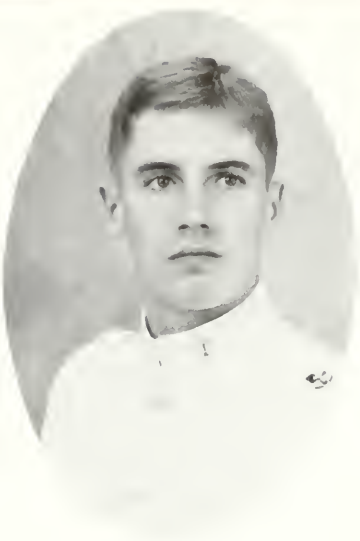
Thanks everyone, family members especially.

Dykes 1982: Emmett R. Heltzel
Rats: Billy D. Harper, Mike Milligan









DAVID PHILIP OTHLING

"Dave"
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineer—Navy

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Number One Club 3; Georgetown Bound 4,3,2,1; "Let's Walk Home From Randy-Mac" Club 1.

Steve and Claire—Thanks for your never-ending support, guidance, and caring (It means everything to me).

Mom and Dad—I love you (always have and always will).

Dykes 1982: Chris Abbott



STEPHEN EUGENE PALMER

"Eddie, Rosey"
Arlington, Virginia
Economics—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Society of Young Economists; Investment Club; Video Club 2,1; No. 1 Club; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Patchin All-American 4,3,1; South of the Border Club 2, 1; Roland Tiso Appreciation Society 2,1; Ft. Dragg Club 1; Dyke School 2; Truth Serum 4,3,2,1.

I came here three days early for football, the place seemed cool, but three days later a nightmare started and things were not so cool. Time just seems to drag by but, now it is finally coming to an end. I will always cherish the good times like Breakout, Ring Figure, and, of course, Graduation.

A big thanks goes to my dad and brother Darryl for helping me to make it through this place. The friendships formed here are the best. Ron, Ben, Russ, and P.W. it was great having you as roommates during all the ups and downs that come during a cadetship. Let's get together and party at Moody Hall sometime.

Dykes 1982: Curtis Johnston
Rats: John (Fat) Fiore, Aubrey (Smiles) Walton



JOHN VINCENT PARENTE

"J.P., Giovanni, Boomboom, Wop, Dego, Johnny P."
Albany, New York
History—Marine Corps

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 1; Boxing 3,2; Four Year NROTC—Marine Schol. 1; USMC Marathon 1; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Moe 1.

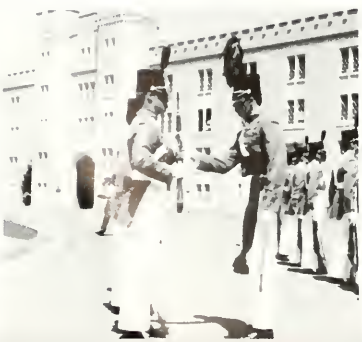
How does a person successfully put in 250 words the feelings and emotions as the ones I have experienced at this institution. Well, if VMI has instilled me some qualities, one of them must be perseverance. So I will try.

VMI, you have taken some of the innocence that I had as a boy when I came to you. In return you have given me the chance to challenge myself to the point of true pride in the things I have achieved. With this also comes the knowledge that these achievements came about only through the help and support of many people. I can't thank you all enough.

To that special family in Lynchburg, you've taken me in as one of your own and made me feel at home. Thank you. Doc M., I hope that someday I will be able to help others like you've helped me. Matt, Neil, and Dave. I couldn't have had better roommates. To my friends John, Woowoo, Meade, Nebs, and all my brother rats, the friendships I've shared with you are my most prized treasures of this place.

Finally to my family—Clem, Connie, Pete, Carmella—you will never know how much your support has meant to me. I couldn't have made it without you. Mom and Dad, when all others doubted, you had faith. You are my strength. I love you. Years from now I will look back with pride and joy and remember that for a brief moment we were . . . A Band of Brothers/A Merry Few JVP

Dykes 1982: Robert Campione
Rats: Kelly Alexander









PERRY TURNER PATTERSON

"Bambi"
Spartanburg, South Carolina
English—Air Force

Corporal; Sargeant; 1st Sargeant; Cadet Assistant; V.P.O.; Dean's List.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two road diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
Robert Frost

Dykes 1982: Adam Pantaze
Rats: Mark Doyle



STEVEN LEWIS MERCER PATTON

"General, T.T., Slim"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineer—Special Student

Pvt. 4,2,1; Cpl. 3; TCFC 2; Ring Figure Const. Comm.; Dean's Other List 2; Run For Your Rack 3,2,1.

Four long years ago I came to this Institute not knowing if I was doing the right thing. I have finally convinced myself that I made the right decision. The memories of these past years will be with me forever, especially those of the parties at Zolloman's, Sem, and all the motels in town. I would like to thank all of the friends that I have made, my family, and especially Kathy for all of the support (moral and financial) that they have given me. Without them I would have never made it through my four years at the "I."

Dykes 1982: Tom "Mad Dog" Madigan
Rats: Karl Finsterbusch IV



JOSEPH MICHAEL PAULEY

"Joe, Donny"
Potomac, Maryland
Electrical Engineer—Special Student

Bomb Photographer 4,3,2,1; Equestrian Club 4. Glee Club 2,1; Newman Club 4,3,2.

Well, graduation is finally upon our class. It's been a hard struggle, but we've made it. I've had some good times and some bad, but overall I think I made out for the better.

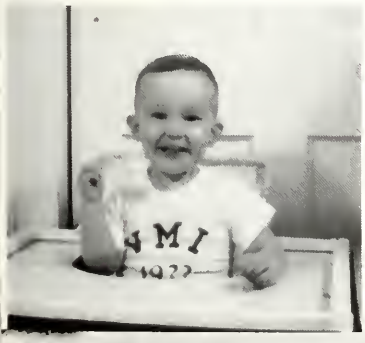
To the nuts in 88, Tracy, Greg, and Deshorn, good luck. To 'Ski and Matt, live it up and goodluck, to my roomies in 396 and 296, Don and Kelly. Thank you for taking me in. Don, good luck in the future, may you always prevail. Kelly, over the course of the past two years we have become good friends. We've partied together and argued at each other but still our friendship has prevailed. Let's hope this continues on as you go into the Navy and I sweat out one more year and then continue on.

Martha, I met you at Zollomans rat year. We've been together since. I hope that you will hang on to me long enough for me to graduate. I would like to say more, but can't. Love you.

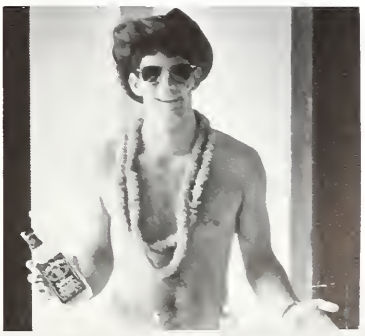
Mom, Dad, Cathy, Cecilia, and Grandma, thank you for love and support. The only way I know how to pay you back is to graduate. Mom and Dad, I know I'm not the brightest but, I can say I did my best. Honestly.

There's so much to say to so many, but not enough space for it, so let this suffice. To all alumni and old corps, good luck. Don't forget the five year men.

Dykes 1982: Floyd Allen
Rats: Tanh C. Chau









PHILLIP RAYMOND PAUQUETTE

"Phil, Pip, Flipper"
Coxsackie, New York
Civil Engineer—Navy

Pvt.; Fencing 3,2,1; Dean's List 2; VMI Firefighters 1; Number One Club; Bassett Club 1.

I could start out writing about my experiences both good and bad, but there is no way I could relate even my most memorable experiences without being very lengthy. Instead, I'd like to say what I gained most from VMI. There are many things that an alumnus walks out limits gates with; an education par excellence, a knowledge of responsibility and fair play, and respect for tradition and the military life. There are also countless other benefits of having attended the toughest military college in the country, but the two most important benefits I will walk away with are a great commitment to God and man and friendships of the very deepest kind.

From the ratline one gains not only mental toughness but also a very special relationship with God. Also, I would be hard pressed to describe the intense, lifelong friendships that develop during one's cadetship. I'd just like to say thanks for everything Craig, Jeff, Mike, and everyone else. You guys really helped me through here with your understanding and humor. Well, Marlla, we started out with the odds against us, but as wonderful as this last year has been with you, I can tell you it will only get better because we will always be very much in love. Special thanks to you Mom. You are primarily responsible for my making it through VMI. I love you, Mom.

Dykes 1982: Ken Ross
Rats: Frank Charlonis, Mike Milligan



ROBERT SCOTT LEE PEARSON

"Scott, Scotty, Trashdick, Trashdog, Lifer"
Rochester, New York
History—Marine Corps

Anne 4; Anne and Laura 3; Bughead 2, A Lot 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Delta Epsilon Nu 3; Circle-K. Probation with the Navy Department 4,3,2,1; Cave 1; Friends of Paul and Fred 4,3,2,1.

Hey, VMI hasn't been all that bad. In fact, I've even had some fun here. It's a shame space won't allow for the full story. So why even try! Thanks to all my friends in Delta company. We've been tight. Just for the sake of history: I'd like to thank two very good teachers of mine. Mr. Turner and Mr. Greet you've helped out a tremendous amount.

Scott,

First I thank you for putting up with me. Who else could live with smelly feet? Or, hay-roll surprises; and worst of all my wonderful stories. It has not been easy living with your late night screams, bottle gymnastics, or the girls you've abandoned me with. But that's friendship. That's why when you leave here you'll not get rid of me. Someday, late at night I'll show up on your doorstep with pizza and pop. We'll sit on the floor in the dark. While we sit there greedily munching down, we'll talk of our exploits, femine and ugly. In the meantime have a good life.

Shoe

Dykes 1982: Eric Rolaf
Rats: Gus Shuster



CRAIG LEE PITTMAN

"Pitt, little Pitt"
Houston, Texas
Civil Engineering—Navy

Private 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1, Membership Chairman 3; Navy Scholarship 4,3,2,1; Cadet Trainer 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Chapel Choir 4,3,2,1; Chapel Usher 4,3,2; Scuba Club 1; Pseudodyke-X48 43; VMI Firefighters

The first time I met Craig I was on the training room table our rat year, and placed in his capable care. Since then we have become good friends. I have no doubt that Craig will be an outstanding Naval Officer, but more important, is an outstanding human being. Stand tall, walk proud, and never forget the internal ties which bond brother rats together. Vaya con dios mi amigo! JSG

When I came to VMI, I thought I knew what I was getting myself into, having heard about it for two years. I was wrong. I quickly found out you can't explain VMI, it has to be experienced. Shortly before matriculating I was given some very good advice; keep your sense of humor and you will have little trouble. Although I have had more trouble than I'll admit, I will always remember those words. I have had experiences few could imagine, good and bad. I would not part with any of them. From the road trips rat year to the long hours of studying, and all the last minute changes that have showed up along the way have helped me grow in innumerable ways.

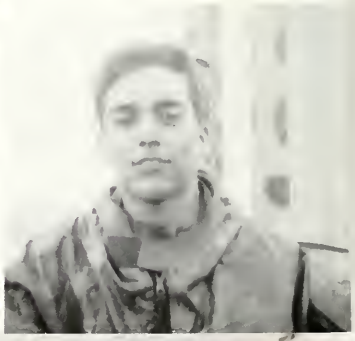
I would like to thank all those who helped along the way, especially all my roommates—Jerry, Harv, Jim, and Todd. Also the people in the training room.

Most of all I would like to thank you, Mom and Dad, for always being there. CLP

Dykes 1982: Van W. Noah
Rats: Bruce Busila













THOMAS RINEHART PLOWRIGHT

"Snowplow"
West Chester, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering

Private 4,3,2,1; VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1, Tech. Director 3,2,1; Hop & Floor 4,3,2; ASCE 3,2,1,; VMI Museum Cadet Assistant 1.

From the day I passsed through limit's gate until the day I receive my diploma, the VMI experience has afforded me my share of trials and trimmphs. Memories of such events as the VMI theatre, Ring Figure, tunneling and adventures with Karyn, Robyn, and Andy will always be with me. Through all the MEI's, SNI's, FEI's, parades, and working with the VMI Theatre, I have made many friends that will never be forgotten Chris, you have indeed made my life more interesting and, at times, more enjoyable. You are a good person and I know you will make it through this place. Karl, at times when I was "living on the edge," you prevented me from falling. Thanks for just being there. Mom and Dad, thanks for all your love and support. Farewell and thanks VMI.

Dykes 1982: Trey Phillips
Rats: Chris Hall

JOHN MICHAEL POLLOCK

"Bonehead"
Glasgow, Virginia
History—Marine Corps

Rat; Corporal; Sergeant; Number One Club; First Class Private; Founders Day Massacre Survivor 2; I survived Stent 4,3,2; Dean's List—Sometimes; Ghetto Corner 3,2; Sinks Annex 1; Ranker Fan club 0.

In attempting to write my First Class history, I believe it impossible to sum up what the VMI experience has meant to me in the space alloted, thus, I will leave it to those more eloquent than myself to undertake that task. I find a more important duty in thanking those that have made my cadetship bearable.

To Ken, Kurt, and John, thank you for being there, with a dollar, a beer, or a hop date. Finer friends and roommates I could never find. Good Luck.

To Jake, Tim, Doc, Woo, and Davidson, it's been a hell of a party, don't ever sober up. The hangover would kill you.

To Jim, Rich, Jack, John, and Quimbo, see you in the Corps.

Lastly, to my parents and brother, thank you for everything. Without your love and support I would have never made it. You are the most important people in my life and I love you. I hope I have made you prond.

C.R.—I know it sucks, but you will be there before you know it. Good Luck.

"Death is nothing, but to live defeated and inglorious is to die daily."—Napoleon

Dykes 1982: Willie Funkhouser
Rats: C.R. Langhorne

WILLIAM FREDERICK POTTER

"Otter, Billy Jack, Confinement Kid"
Suffolk, Virginia
English & Psychology

Private 4,3,2,1: Hot & Floor 3,2,1: Delta Sigma Nu 3; J.R. Fan Club 2,1; Sport Parachute Club 3.

Reflecting back on my four years at VMI there's only one thing I'd like to say: It hasn't been as bad as everyone told me it would be, it's been worse. I realized the ratline would be tough, that the military would be a pain, and that making grades would be difficult but no one told me that I would be spending nearly half of my cadetship on confinement.

I was, however, blessed with two wonderful roommates, who, after returning from weekends at Randy Mac, Mary Baldwin or Radford would tell me every detail of their exciting and marvelous weekend. And then say, "Gee Fred, too bad you're on confinement." Thanks a lot guys, you really know how to make a guy feel good.

If there ever was a reason to leave VMI, Fred possessed it. Now after completing nine years of military school he must move on to the civilian world. Can he survive? Yes, because he has survived VMI. For at VMI Fred was blessed with luck, bad luck. If there was only the slimest chance of getting caught, he beat the odds. Fred made it through his many months of confinement and yet still retained a sense of humor. We used to joke how he couldn't stand having full class privileges. Fred, you've been a good friend and roommate; I thank you. Have a good and prosperous life. Shoe

Dykes 1982: Steve Checca
Rats: Wilson Deppe









JOHN MICHAEL POWERS

"John-o, Red Leader, J.P."
Duxbury, Massachusetts
History—Army

Cpl.: Pvt. 2; Op. Sgt. 1; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; Rappel. Instr 3,2,1; Sports Writer 2,1; Great Cape Escape 3,2,1; Young Scholar Sabbatical—BSC 3; Camp Despair 2,1; Radford Road Crew 2,1; Squaller 2,1; Bill's babysitter 2,1; Club 32 2,1; Key Wester 4,1; N. Bounder 1

It would be nearly impossible for me to summarize my impression of the past four years; no words can aptly describe my VMI experience. The memories are many, the criticism extensive, and decisions still uncertain. But I leave satisfied, for my education has been a complete one, both on and off post. That which I have gained far outweighs that taken, and like any Irish Catholic from Massachusetts I have weathered the best of blows. I now stand a better person, secure in my beliefs, and anxious to press forth past my cadetship. With me I carry faith unshakable, confidence restored, and friends inseparable. My success at VMI is due to several people. First, that special family who have always given of their time, love, and guidance; to whom I owe my graduation as much as I do my own parents: thank you for being there. To Ringo, my cohort in crime: we share a bond tempered by trials endured, moreso than most of our classmates. Steve, you have endured my cynicism, sarcasm, and pessimism. Our bond is that of brothers. And Doc M., my deepest thanks. Finally, my entire family: Thank you. So now I begin my quest to "follow the gleam," leaving behind those words of another stalwart son of Massachusetts directed to those with whom I have shared the hilarity and the frustration of these past four years:

"But we have begun. Neither wind nor tide is always with us. Our course on a dark and stormy sea cannot always be clear. But we have set sail—and the horizon, however cloudy, is also full of hope."

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Dykes 1982: Rich Meyer
Rats: Randy Williamson, Mike Grant



PATRICK BEN PRESSLER

"P1, Press, Maniac"
McComb, Mississippi
Civil Engineering-Army

I can sum up my years at VMI like this: hard work, loneliness, and looking forward to breaks. I have had enjoyable times but, until First Class year, they were few and not often. Having a car First Class year makes things so much better.

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for supporting me and helping me make it through here.

Dykes 1982: Eric Odderstol
Rats: Neal Culiner



LOUIS PETER PRIMAVERA

"Primo"
Norristown, Pennsylvania
Mathematics—Army

Private 4,3,2,1; Ski Club 3; Young Republicans 1.

My tenth grade math teacher once told me that "College will be the best four years of your life." Of course, I had never heard of VMI at the time, and I'm sure she hadn't either. Although I feel the ratline did change me for the better, I can't help but think that the remaining three years could have been better spent elsewhere. In the years to come, if I can look back at my time at VMI and consider it the best years of my life, then . . .

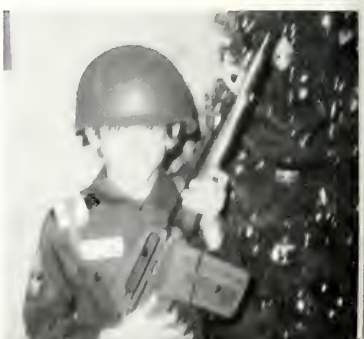
The question everyone asks is "If it is so bad, why do you stay?" I still haven't found the right answer to that question, but I must also admit to them that my time here is not completely devoid of fun. Although I spent most of my third class year cursing my lack of transportation and entertainment, my second class year brought a roommate with a car. Vid, the monster made this place bearable. Flash, Stevo, Art, and of course you Vid, our weekly tours of the campuses of Virginia are as close to my teacher's words as I could come.

But by far the most important factor in winning this war of attrition was the love and support I got from my family. Every visit, every food box, every letter let me know someone out there cared. This goes far above and beyond the financial support you gave me when I needed it, and I thank each and every one of your for it.

Dykes 1982: Mark Harrington
Rats: Mike Pannell













THOMAS CLAY PULLY

"T.C., Pellican"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

ASCE 4,3,2,1; Baseball 4,2,1; Water Polo 3,1; Monogram Club 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 2; Private 4,3,2,1.

From my first day at VMI I knew things would never be the same. My old carefree, easy-going lifestyle is history. Nobody made me attend VMI. It was my own choice and, oh boy, what a choice. I can't really say I hated it here, but then again, I really can't say I loved it. If it hadn't been for the friends and good times, I'd hate to think how bad a place this could be.

I know the times I've spent at VMI will probably prove to be my best, but I'd hate to admit it. The friends I've made have been the greatest. I can only wish them the best. Just keep on "winning," will ya.

My parents, sisters, and brother have given more than anyone could imagine. Their love and support have helped me survive. I only hope that I have not driven them crazy with my troubles. Don't worry, Mom, "No news is good news."

Dykes 1982: Bill Burnett
Rats: John Doyle

KURT WHITNEY QUIMBY

"Q. Quimbo"
Ojai, California
History—Marine Corps

Corporal 3; Sargeant 2; NCO 1; Varsity Soccer 4,3,2,1 Team Captain 1; Marine Detachment; Monogram Club; Dean's List 3, 2,1; QW-JAM Tie Holder.

Variety is the spice of life and that variety is limited only by one's imagination. It was my imagination that took me away from the West Coast and the confines of one society only to thrust me into the confines of the VMI system. However, in attempting to see the positive aspects in everything and everybody the time has passed quickly.

My parents did me right by letting events run their course although I realize at times they probably wondered if they still had a son. Thank goodness for calling cards! Everyone has an effect on everyone else whether good or bad and I believe the friendships I have made here at VMI have helped me gain invaluable knowledge into the nature of life.

It won't surprise me a bit if we meet on some stretch of beach that runs parallel to the good times—slow down until we meet again. ADIOS VMI!

Dykes 1982: Joe Bouchelle
Rats: Joe Swider

THOMAS HERNDON RAHE

"Sidewinder, Skunk, Chink, T."
Sierra Vista, Arizona
Civil Engineering—Army

Private 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; ASCE 3,2,1; Ranger Platoon 3,2,1; Ring Design Committee 2; Drug and Alcohol Committee 2,1; Rappelling Cadre 1; Alpha Company Guidon.

Mom, Dad, JR. and Ida, thank you for your love and support. I wouldn't have made it without you. I love you more than I have shown, and more than you will ever know.

Bert, C.D., and Opie, thanks for being more than roommates, but also being friends for the past three years. You're the greatest. Bill and Burt, the same goes for you, too. Tug, what can I say? I couldn't have asked for a better friend. Remember TNT. Bill B., Ron, Shawn, and Steve, thanks for everything, especially your friendship. Tim and Joe, thanks, and remember: "The West is Best!"

The school we leave behind in 1985 is not the same school we matriculated to in 1981. But then the men that leave this place are not the same boys that came here. A part of me died here, and a part of me was born. I can never replace what I've lost, but I couldn't have gotten what I gained anywhere else. There have been lots of changes and lots of times, both good and bad. Even though it seems there were more bad times than good, I leave here with no bitterness for the past, only anticipation for the future.

To the rising first class, I wish you the best of luck next year. To the class of 1985, good luck and Godspeed.

T.H.R.

Dykes 1982: Michael Ray Ewing
Rats: Phillip Carl Jones & Edward Lee Wetherell













WILLIAM HOWARD REID

"Turtle, Turtle Head, PB Kid, Skyler"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Navy

Soccer 3,2; Bomb Staff 1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Dean's List 2; NROTC Scholarship 3,2,1; Obsessed with Julie 2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1

Well it seems the days have come and the days have gone and time has continued to move on bringing the end near. Now that the end is near I find myself reflecting on the past years here at VMI. A lot has happened in those years, things that will always be a part of me; for they formed many of my attitudes and greatly influenced my demeanor. Through it all I've met some good people, friends I hope to see after it's over. These friends helped when it came to dealing with the total negativeness of the VMI. However, if there is to be one good thing I take from this place it's what my family means to me. This place taught me exactly how important a family is—especially my parents. My parents have been very supportive, and often supplied me with the strength to continue forth. They often had to have a great deal of tolerance with me; this they did with unyielding amounts of love and support. To them I say—Thank you. I love you! I'd also like to thank my brother and sisters and give them my love—Tom, Kay, and Winn thanks for the loving support. WHR

Bill was my co-dyke and after one particularly exciting party at Sigma Ki I realized that I had an exceptional friend. That began our friendship and we are now very seldom seen around barracks one without the other. We have had many good times and very few poor ones, which is in itself extraordinary. He is a good man and I hope that he will do well in all future endeavors, best of luck. JGD
To the one man who knew almost everything about me, from Julie on—John may the best in life be yours always.

Dykes 1982: Kevin A. Smith
Rats: Steve Waters

RONALD HILL REIMANN, JR.

"Screamin', Fish"
Great Falls, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Navy

Pvt 4,2; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Regt Sgt Major 1; Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 1; IEEE 3,2,1; Eta Kappa Nu 2,1; Video Club 2,1; Computer Head 2,1; Georgetown (Winston's) Boys 4,3,2,1; Navy Scholarship 4,3,2,1; Dyke School 2; Dean's List 4,3,1

I entered VMI on that hot day in August, saying goodbye to a lot more than my mother and sister. Being a cool, cocky high school senior, I knew I could handle this place. Or so I thought... So began the worst of nightmares, but the best of educations.
I like to think of Matriculation Day as the blank page separating chapters in my life story. Since that time, I have survived the ups and downs of cadetship, from Breakout to Ring Figure and now Graduation, and those many long days between. I thank God for seeing me through the worst. But mostly I thank Mom, Dad, Tim, Tom, Carolyn, John, and Matt, whose constant love and support helped me to make it to the finish line when it seemed so unachievable and distant. One couldn't ask for a more understanding family.
To Steve, Ben, and PW, I give my thanks for sharing (and creating) all the good times, and support during the bad; you've been great roomies, friends, confidants, and cohorts. No doubt we will continue to make the rounds in G-towne bars or wherever we end up.
It won't be difficult to leave barracks, although our room had most of the creature comforts of home. But it's time to move on to something else.
Now it's time to join the fleet and answer my patriotic calling, hopefully in some of the better ports of the world... Perth, Australia... Monte Carlo, Monaco... San Diego... or maybe Pearl Harbor.
Who said that your college years are the best in your life?... Mine are just about to start.

Dykes 1982: Steven P. Dobler
Rats: William "Bill the Cat" Powers

GREGORY MARSHALL RENNER

"Troy, Tore, Dobie, Walley"
Rockville, Maryland
Civil Engineering—Navy

ASCE 3, Vice-Pres 2, Pres 1; CE Honor Society 1; Dean's List 3, 2; Academically Distinguished 3; Rugby Club 2; Ski Club 3,2,1

I'd like to start off by saying that this has been the best experience that I've never had. It's been a long time since we first arrived, and since that time I have long since forgotten why I came here, or why I stayed for that matter. It has just been the place where I have gone to school for the last four years, and it has taken me that long to convince my friends back home that not everyone here is a blood crazed war monger or a complete geek (at least not everyone). I've gone through many changes since I've been here and I guess I can honestly say that not all of them have been for the worse. Seriously, I've met a lot of good people during these past four years both on and off post. I'm very grateful to all of the relatives around the area for the Sunday suppers and the weekend visits. Oh yeah, my parents helped too. I'd like to say that I couldn't have made it without their help, but I probably could have (I'm in big trouble now). Before I finish, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all of the roommates from the 04 series, without whom I would have never turned out to be the warm tolerant person that I am today. Now, I'll always remember "It ain't why, why, why, why... it just is."—Van Morrison.

Dykes 1982: Mike Eden
Rats: John Bordelon









JEFFREY A. RICKARD

"Ricardo"
Strasburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Number One Club—Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Band 4,3; Foxtrot 2; India 1; 10 times the man Dave is.

VMI has certainly been an experience, but not a very pleasant one. I can only hope and pray that it will one day be worth all of the effort. And as my final days appraoch I feel as if my four years here have finally produced something other than confinement and penalty tours. I shall leave with a commission and a degree.

I never would have tolerated my stay here if it were not for my wonderful parents. By their loving support throughout my stay, they have given me my future, a debt I can never repay. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my roommates Craig, Phil, and Mike; they made my bad times just a little bit easier.

I hope to see some of you along the road in the future, because you will not see me here.

Good Luck KYLE—

Dykes 1982: Robert Klenke
Rats: Kyle Holtzman, Mike Milligan



JEFFREY FLOYD RIDDLE

"Moonhead, Duke, Paducah"
Paducah, Kentucky
Electrical Engineering—Army

Band 4,3,2,1; Pep Band 4; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; IEEE 3,2,1; Scuba Club 3,2,1 Treas 2; Amateur Radio Club 3,2,1 Treas 2; Sky Diving Club 3,2; SAME 3,2,1; Ski Club 3; Cadet Waiter 1; Cadet Battery 2; Tanker Platoon 2; Fire Fighters 1; Summer School Club 3

My four years at VMI have certainly been an experience. I didn't really know what I was getting into when I got here but I have no donbt I made the right choice. The ratline was a tough challenge but the memories and friendship will last a lifetime.

I had great roommates every year. Dave, Jim, Boz and I kept our corporals busy during the ratline. For their help I would like to thank: Greg "Moyersville" a roommate of three years and also Davidson, Dave, Brent, Greg, Chris, Adam, Kelly and about everyone else in Band Company.

Most of all I want to thank my parents, grandparents and the rest of my family for their love and support without which I would never have made it this far!!!

No Dad it's not a "Country Club" yet!

Dykes 1982: John Hargreaves
Rats: Victor Sredl



J. KIRK RING

"Ringo"
Mollusk, Virginia
Economics—Army

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Pvt 2,1; VMI-Commanders 4,3,2,1 Vice-Pres 1; Rat Training 3,2,1; Young Economists 2,1; Investment Club 2,1; Pres. VMI Theatre 3; Boxing 4; Visiting Scholars Program 3; Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1; William & Mary Navigator 1.

I do not ask to walk smooth paths
Nor bear an easy load.
I pray for strength and fortitude
To climb the rock strewn road.

Give me such courage I can scale
The hardest peaks alone,
And transform every stumbling-stone
Into a stepping-stone.

A great deal of thanks goes to my family for their undying support. To my Mom and Dad I owe everything. Their understanding and steadfast love pulled me through. Thanks! Thanks goes to a special lady who made this year great. Well Johno we beat them all. God bless you and thanks.

Dykes 1982: Jim Cosby
Rats: Bob Davis, Robert Draper









KEVIN ROBLES

"Barney, Clint, Stoneface, god"
Tabernacle, New Jersey
Civil Engineering—Navy

Cpl 3; Mst Sgt/ Reg S-4 Sgt 2; Battalion S-1 1; ASCE; Treasurer, Vice President Hop & Floor 4,3; Concrete Canoe Team 4,1; Rat Training Cadre 3,2

Has it really been four years? How time flies when you are having fun! There were things I disliked about my "character building" at VMI but there were far more things that I liked and wouldn't trade for anything in the world. All of the good times that I have shared with friends that could never be forgotten is at the top of the list. The people I have met here are great and I have learned many lessons from dealing with the different personalities. Especially my roommates over the years—Tim and Mike—you gave me many laughs. Tug, what can I say; we were never serious but we did what we had to. And oh yes, Fred. I started my cadetship with you and roomed with you all the way through. We made a strange pair, but we were always a pair. I owe many of my best memories to you because we did it all together.

Last but not least, I want to thank all of those outside of the "I" who had to live with it. Dad, thanks for all of those words of wisdom. Mom, I'll never forget those food boxes! Theresa, how can I repay you for all of the letters and attempts to cheer up a bad day, like putting hacksaw blades in a food box while I was on confinement.

A few reminders for years to come:

Smiling at the ogar, the Philmont mug, workouts, breakout, the flaming duo, road trips, Jim Beam, Rabbit vs. Honda, Fred and Barney, pre-ring parties, Ring Figure, Hob-n-Hob, Hop-n-Go runs, Sacco, and dykes.

I wish all my BR's the best of luck in all you do!
Kevin

Dykes 1982: Dave Kohler
Rats: Mike Malerba



DEVIN SCOTT RODDENBERRY

"Rodentbelly, The Rod, Chesty, Puff"
Vero Beach, Florida
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

ASCE, SAME, VMI Firefighters, CES-VP, Dean's List, Distinguished—2, The Class of 1941 Award, Pvt 4,3,2,1, Four year Marine Corps Scholarship, Scuba Club

To me VMI was the best choice because of the friends on the inside and the support of the people I love on the outside. The number 55 will always have special meaning because it involves where I put up with my best friends for life; W.K. Arthur and G.W. Klein. I would like to thank Dad, Granny, Mom, Clint, and especially Stephen for all of their efforts and attention. I am very proud of all of you.

If I try to remember only the good times during my 4 years here, it will include breakout, graduation, Mom and Mindy's road trips, my summers in Florida especially at Rod's house, Dad and Betty's visit, Klein's wrestling inability, and Renee.

As to the Institute, well, it's been real. See you in the rear view.

There are two things to aim at in life: first to get what you want; and after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest achieve the second

—Logan Pearsall Smith

A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man made perfect without trials.

—Chinese proverb

Dykes 1982: Rob Rambo
Rats: Michael Seyffert



CHARLES VINCENT ROGERSON

"Rockhead, The Rock, SACMF, Chuckie"
Dinwiddie, Virginia
English—Army

Football Walk-On 4,3; Keydet Club Expense Account 2,1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; English Society 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 2, 1; OGA 1; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Ced and Darren's most ardent B-ball fan 4,3,2,1

VMI—Why? Because I thought I could. Mom and Dad it would never have been possible without your undying love and support. Through the years of struggles, triumphs, defeats, sweat, blood, tears, and the never ending battle with life, WE made it!!

Darren and Cedric, two men who have taught me the most basic rule of being a man. You fellas taught me to accept faults. You taught me to respect others and mostly to respect myself. Darren and Ced taught me the true meaning of the word "Brother." Without their constant "cuts," the late night B.S. sessions, the soul-searching heart to heart talks, and a couple good kicks in the butt I wouldn't be here now. My only regret is that we only had four short years together. THANKS BROTHERS!

Coach Harmy—sorry about all the grey hairs. You saw me through the thick and thin. I wish I knew how to say THANK YOU but it is difficult to say something when no words are necessary. Mrs. Johnson, the Reeves', Doc and Juice, I'm forever grateful. Ralphie, Flea, WG, JHJ, Davis, Todd, Tayloe, Greenie, Dave, JJ, Woo K., Big Woo, Lamont and all the rest of the boys, thanks for seeing me through this hell. I hope life doesn't suck as bad as the last four years have.

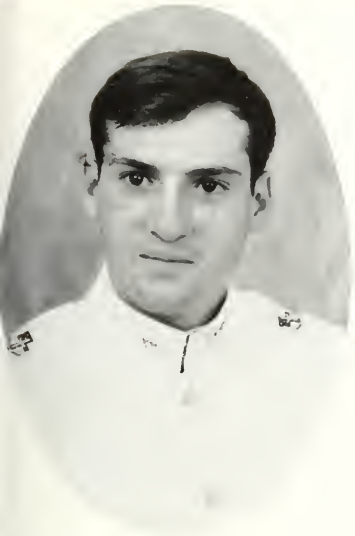
Tina—Thanks Babe!! VMI did give me one thing in the form of a beautiful, warm, caring lady that has been by my side through it all. Without your love, patience, and understanding all would have been in vain. I made it!!!

Dykes 1982: Phillip "Doc" Davis
Rats: Erich Diehl, John "A.J." Williams









TOM JOEL ROLTSCH

"Weasel, Little Weas, Rolchy, Clark Kent"
Dumfries, Virginia
Physics—Army

Soccer 1; Swimming Team 4, Society of Physics Students, Sigma Pi Sigma; Timmins Music Society 2; 400 Club; Bat Cave Club, Amityville Club, Rastaman Award for Best Writing 1984

Well I hated every day I was at the "I" and I loved every day I was not at the "I." I'll always wear the ring even if it's incredibly ostentatious. Barracks is a place I will always remember as the most insane, ludicrous, even dangerous place I've ever lived. I'd like to thank some of my teachers for making my stay here as academic as was possible: Dr. Monsour, Col Sauder, Col Peters, Maj Badgett, Col Minnix, and Maj Richarde. I'd like to thank Cloudy for my only D. I'd also like to thank Cadet Bruce Nichol for leaving my car in Greenville—Thanks Bruce you're a heck of a guy. My roommates here at VMI added a spontaneity that often filled my days with too much excitement. They were: Mark Williams, Joe Rose, Stuart Taylor, Tayloe Dameron, Hunter Elliot, Lou Wertz, Shane Sullivan and David Morgan. Finally, I'd like to say goodbye to the Class of 85, Later.

Dykes 1982: Michael Burt
Rats: Todd Freiwald



GRAHAM CALVIN ROSE

"Ears, Cracker, Dante, Man Rat"
Midlothian, Virginia
Chemistry—Army

Varsity Tennis 4,3,2—Captain 1; Deans list 4,2; Club 46 3,2,1; American Chemical Society—P.R. 2,1; Edwin B. Jones Scholarship 1; Circle K 2,1; Private 4,3,2,1

The past four years of my life at VMI have been enjoyable, painful, and profitable. Looking back, the good times have outweighed the bad and they will remain that way forever. Two years ago Club 46 was established and each moment with the members of this club has been exciting and priceless.

Don "Jellybutt" Monday and the "Worm" Shindle always had the best wrestling matches. "Ringleader" Fraser was always a spark when he would light his farts. The latest member "Husk" Hulyo would always enter the room with a new helmit mark on his body after a practice. Good luck to all of you, it's been real!

My greatest thanks go to those that I love and cherish! Les, without you being there, my rat year would have been meaningless. Grandmom, your many letters have greatly supported me. Then there is Andrew who didn't write, but I knew he cared. Mom and Dad, I can't blame either of you for VMI, but you have been super rents and I can't explain how much I've appreciated your love.

Although it has been long and hard, I'm glad I went and I'll always keep VMI in my heart!

Dykes 1982: Mark Kempsell
Rats: Tommy Carroll



JOHN EDWARD ROSE

"Guess Work"
Claysville, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Navy

Swim Team 4,3,2,1; Elected Co-Capt 1; Monogram club; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 2; Military Award of World Wars 3; VMI Civil Engineering Honor Society 2,1, A-Team

There is an old and often heard saying "You get what you pay for." I think this is especially true of the education one receives at VMI. Attending four years and finally graduating from VMI costs more than just tuition. Initially the cost was low, in the form of weekly hair cuts. As the length of my stay increased, so did the price I paid. I have spent much of my time and effort on academics, athletics and military bearing. Still, at other times, I have had to pay the price for having too much fun with Confinement and Penalty Tours. For me the price of VMI has been high, but upon graduating I can easily say I received more than an education.

I would like to first thank my parents for keeping me steered in the right direction. Grandma and Grandpa thank you for everything.

Arn, thanks for keeping me smiling.

To my roommates, Mike, Joe, Tony it's been something else hasn't it. Thanks guys.

Thanks goes to all my friends for all the fun and good times. It's time for some more!

A-Team and B.B. = Colony House

Dykes 1982: Chris Ronon
Rats: Greg Hall













JOSEPH LEE ROSE

"Gerbil, Tokyo, Eddie, Hascal, Little Buddy"
Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering

Howling, Swim Team manager, Bat Cave Club, Intercollegiate Can Hit Team, TCFC Patron

What can you say about the above mutant and give him enough credit for all the squallors he's provided his friends at the "Root'. He and the one and only "Hanty Hunt" single handidly changed the barracks lingo and the personality of the Corps in general. Rooming with the "Gerb" was an incredible howl. I was constantly clipped from behind by this madman pulling something I never saw out of the blue. Down for the count. It's terrible that you had to leave so unexpectedly our 1st Class year, but I see nothing but success for you in the future.
MWW '85

There is only one Gerbil-Joe and that's the one with all the curly blond hair and thought of as "Buddy-Rock". If there was ever a man qualified to sail his father's vessel during our own squallor, then Joe would be the skipper fearless of all lightning. One could not ask for a better road trip partner (while he is awake) nor an all-around "pal" with a dynamite gal we know as Sue-Hamster. To think of Joe brings to mind a fantastic family with Barbera and Warreen always there to push us forward. We will always be around and in the spirit as our "little Buddy". SST

Yes, this boy was a howler 'til the end. Now he's living in my house, sleeping in my bed, partying with my friends, and playing with my toys. And here I am at the "I" and it still sucks. I hope he's having a good time Gerbil, I was looking forward to graduating with you pal, but that was not to be had Squallor for a year then next year I'll come back to visit you as an alumnus in my Porsche, what can I say, do it up buddy, and do one for me while you're at it—Bark, Bark The Weasel

Dykes 1982: J.C. Edwards, Honey Hunt
Rats: Adam Phillips, Marsh Robertson

BYRON LEVON ROSS

"Geekster"
Clifton Forge, Virginia
History—Army

Indoor-Outdoor Track 1982-85, Promaji Club 1981-85, D.P.D.

My four years at VMI can be summed up as different. Thrust into a world of military and academia, I had to reevaluate all of my priorities. I have asked myself, why did I stay? The one reason that reoccurs is it was for you. I have been given so much of your time, not to forget financial assistance, I want to take this time to laud you mother. You were there when the tunnel began to close. When I needed a soft hand you were there. No matter the situation you were there to supply confidence and rekindle my pride. I have accomplished four years, but, you given me much more. God bless for the understanding and strength. I love you. Without your constant support, who knows, I may have ended up at USC.

I haven't forgotten you, Pete. We all know the good that you possess and the silent pride that you maintain. At least I have the satisfaction to know that I've given you another reason to hold your head high. I thank and love you all. I love you

Dykes 1982: Clem Zotto, Rich Myer, Dave Fritz
Rats B.J. Barnes, M.O. Castillo

WILFRED G. ROWLETT JR

"Wilfredo, W.G., Duck"
Matoaca, Virginia
B.S. Biology—Army

Boxing Team 4,3,2,1; RDC V-Pres 1; No. 1 Club; Cpl 3 Sgt 2 B Co XO 1; Hop and Floor Comm. 4,3,2,1; Sport Parachute Club 2,1 Circle K Club 3,2,1; Writer VMI Cadet 2,1; 337 CC; CCSC 2, 1; Scuba Club 1; AUSA 2,1; Young Republicans 2,1; BUM 3; Blue Whalers 2,1; AC. Scars 4,3,2,1

Riing! What? Four years, no way man. No Dad you can't make me go, I don't want to go to VMI. Get your chin in Rowlett! Riing! What? Four years, no way man. I just got here, you can't make me leave. Sometimes you just have to say "What the ----". Heck I just learned the rules, maybe if I fail physics again . . Well folks the long hard road has been travelled and the end is in sight but believe it or not it is hard to say goodbye. VMI is one of those places you love to hate, you curse it and despise every minute of confinement but let someone else talk about it now that's a different story. I find it really hard, no, I find it impossible to compile thanks to all those who have helped me or to whom I am greatful. Think of it, seems just like last week I signed that big book and became a cadet. I have endured that rarely travelled path and reached my goals, but not alone. If it were not for my family, brother rats, and you Hope. I would have surely fallen short. It was my family that raised me in a proper way and taught me right from wrong. You instilled in me an endurance to finish what I have started It was my BR's that brought me to realize that blood is not thicker than water. You acted as true brothers when I was down and out. (Jess, Dave, JJ, Mac, John, Matt, and Greeniej. And finally it was you Hope that was the highlight of every day. You have sacrificed much, as have all of you, these past four years. For this I am eternally grateful. Thanks, and all I could ever say to you Mr. Irvin. "If you don't like the way I'm living you can just leave this long-haired country boy alone." C.B.D

Dykes 1982: David Shutt
Rats: Brian Durham, John Ryman









JEFFREY CARL SANDERS

"Martian Man, Woodstock, Spock"
Midlothian, Virginia
Mathematics—Air Force

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; PFT 3, S-2 Society 2. Guidon Bearer 1: College Republicans 1.

I find it quite difficult to express my experiences at VMI in so many words. I honestly feel that I would not have made it if was not for the care and support of some very special people. I would first like to thank my parents, which their love and support helped me through the difficult times. You all have been there when I needed you whether it was to take me home for a few hours or send money to make life more bearable. I would also like to thank my roommates for putting up with me. I realize that I was sometimes hard to get along with and sometimes down right stubborn. We have shared both good times and bad. Finally, I would like to thank the other special people who gave me support, whether it was support on a run or help in academics, you helped to make the VMI experience bearable.

Dykes 1982: Thane Durey
Rats: Eric Faison, Scott McCumber



SUMONCHAI SANUSUN

"Sam; Hippy Rat; Booger."
Rattanaburi Surin, Thailand
Civil Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Dean's List: VMI Civil Engineering Honor Society; Tanker Platoon

What can you say about a kid like this? He came into my room only because one of my roommates turned out to be a dean's other list student. Two years later when he left my room I almost cried. How he put up with me and my rowdy friends I'll never know. As long as I live I will never forget him.

Sumonchai has done very well here at VMI. He has attained a very good GPA and made a great number of friends. I hope he has enjoyed his stay in the States and has learned how Americans really are.

By the time I am a drunk redneck Sanusun will probably be a General in their Army. I wish him a great deal of happiness and success. Good luck brother rat. RTY '85

I would like to express my sincere thank to Nantana and Thongkham Somsanuk, Kranokporn and Preecha Mapunya and Exchai Triamsritong. Their support, kindness and concern has helped sustain me in the United States. It has been a pleasure to have known them and shared good times with them. I will miss their company and support. I love them all. SSS

Dykes 1982: Chris Ronan
Rats: Kultawat Vaijai



WILLIAM MARTIN SARGEANT

"Mart, Sarge"
Millboro Springs, Virginia
Economics/Spanish—Air Force

Varsity Swimming, Water Polo-VP 2, Treas 3, Cpl, Sgt, Captain-BATXO, Dean's List 3,2,1 Academically Dist. 1; ROA Bronze Medal 3; ROTC Scholarship 3,2,1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2,1; Simga Delta Pi 2,1; Soc. of Young Economists, AAS, Ring Design Comm, S-5 Tour—Escort

Well, we are finally here. The first thing I want to say is thank you Mom, Dad and friends. If it were not for your support and understanding It's hard to tell where I would be today. My dyke was invaluable to me in my understanding of the 'T'. I hope I will be equally as invaluable to mine. Rusty, it said in your first class history that if I took after you I would make the best of my years here and I surely have. These four years have been quite a testing period. Even though it meant falling down some, I think I have passed and my respect lies here for my BR's and VMI. To the roommates of 305-205-105 you all are the best friends a guy can have. You helped a great deal in my self-understanding-Guys (Tom-Kev-Jeff-Strib) Take care and keep in touch. To my dykes, do not let the negative aspects bog you down—If you want something, go for it, but have respect for others. Enough of the philosophy—I made it. Thanks to God-Family-and friends, and until later—Adios Amigos!

Dykes 1982: Rusty Wood
Rats: Kirk Dewyea, Rucker Slater









PERRY WILSON SARVER, JR

"PW, Elmo, Fudpucker"
Strasburg, Virginia
Economics—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 2,1; DMS 1; Society of Young Econ.; Investors Club; Rat Daddy Club 3,2,1; Other Dean's List 3,2,1; Pre-Law Club 3,2,1; Pvt 4,3,2,1 (Who Cares!) Patchin All-American 4,3, Bob Thalman Imitiation Club 4,3,2,1; Roland Tiso Appreciation Club 2,1

I remembered the first time I saw VMI. I woke up in the backseat of my father's car, and there was VMI! I rolled over and told Dad to drive on! I was wondering what the HELL I was doing here! Dickie Moore, thanks for helping through that year. As much as I was in trouble, Dickie was there! After my rat year, I was on my own. At first, I disliked VMI, but I learned what VMI meant. But when I was marching in a parade, I was proud to be at VMI. Ron, Steve, and Benny I'm glad I moved in with you. You are also like brotheres to me. Mom and Dad, Thanks for being there! You gave me much advice that has helped through VMI. I am glad that I attended VMI. IT WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE. Of course, I cannot forget you, Susan. You were there when I needed you! I LOVE YOU!!

DYKES Good Luck in the future!! Study hard and set your goals high! I will be watching you!!!

Dykes 1982: Dickie Moore
Rats: Eric Woodhouse, Walter Coleman



ALBERT LOVELACE SAUNDERS

"Bert, Fax, Se'um"
Halifax, Virginia
English—Air Force

I came to VMI not knowing exactly what to expect when I arrived. I was leaving family and friends and it seemed as though it would be years until I saw them again. As the days went by, many of my brother rats were leaving. Believe me, I thought about leaving myself. But I told myself I was going to make it. It never would have been possible without the help and understanding of all my friends, especially you Opie, Tom, and C.D. There is a deep friendship there that can never be taken away. Coach White, what can I say. None of this would have been possible without your help, concern, and most of all your friendship. I cannot thank you enough. Coach Maini and Mrs. Maini, thank you both for all your support.

I want to thank you, Mom, most of all. Your love, support, and understanding has meant so much to me. I will never be able to repay you for everything you've done for me. I know there have been trying times but we've made it through together. Thank you Melanie, Annette, and Spencer for all your love and encouragement. You've made these hard four years a little brighter. Grandmother, I hope I have made you proud. Thank you for all your love, concern, and support throughout the years. I love you all!

Dykes 1982: John Friend
Rats: Criss Finwood, Thorpe Whitehead



DARREN ANTWON SAWYER

"Derwood, The Claw, Sawyer"
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Economics—Navy

The Franklin Wright '69 Memorial Basketball Scholarship; The Giles H. Miller, Jr '24 "Most Outstanding Sophomore" Award Varsity Basketball 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Promaji Club 4 3,2,1; Society of Young Economists 2,1; Sgt 2; Battalion Sgt. Maj 1

VMI . . . Who, what, where? Those were the questions that wen through my mind when I was first confronted with the opportu nity to visit VMI. Now I know. Many thanks go to Mr. Mark "Coach" Sandy for having strong faith in my ability to work hard on and off the court. He always told me to "hang in there Darren." And I did. I came here unsure of my future yet I was still a confident and responsible young man. My experiences more like strange encounters, here at the Institute has given me a new perspective on life. I can now see a glimpse of what lies ahead of me and it is upward. I have grown to be even more confident in my capabilities as a resposible, respectful and re spectable man. There has been some changes within myself emotionally, physically and psychologically never the less it was all for the better. I still must overcome my impatience for life and learn to steady my harried pace; "Slow me down hard, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of Life's endur ing values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny . . . " I honestly believe time is with me. Cedric and Chuck, you two guys, what more could one ask for in room mates? We have become close only because we are men. Men who understand, men who knows what it is like to struggle as one and then pull together as a whole. We do understand each other's ways, we are major engines in the machine called brotherhood. Hugh, yes we are the same, You are the friend a person needs through thick and thin. Let's keep it that way. "Brothers of 156 ad 141" we are one. Thanks so much Barb and Ben for being there when I needed you. You are true parents. Donald, Wayne, Pam and Kevan. Hey its finally over, if only you knew! God Bless

Dykes 1982: Ozzie Belcher
Rats: Kevin Everhart









MICHAEL JAMES SCHRIVER

Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Private 4,3,2,1; VMI Theater Staff 2,1; Set Construction Director 2,1; Softball 4,3; A.S.C.E. 1; A.S.C.E. Project Committee

When we first came to VMI everyone told me how quickly four years would pass. I told them that they were crazy. After the first day as a rat, time seemed to have stopped. Since that time I have gone from a scared boy to a quick-tempered, sadistic, man. I have also become an academic stud. All of these changes brought about more and more responsibility until I finally had my own rat to teach. What a headache. I hope time will pass quickly for him too and I wish him the best of luck.

To my family goes the biggest applause. Without them I would not have survived. Thanks Mom for all of the time spent sewing and writing. Thanks Dad for making sure that I knew my grades were lousy. Thanks Nan for everything. Sue, Deb, Dave, thanks for making the home life a little easier, and of course Bryan and Bobby who will make your hair turn grey real fast. I love all of you very much.

To my friends I also say thanks. You guys made me at least stay sane. Tom, who always lets me abuse him, Danny, Kirby, Dave and Paul who helped make this place a little less impossible, thanks guys. The room was always full of happy times and weird sayings. Who can forget pet names such as "Sh-tter" or "Fuke" or sayings such as "What a bargain." To you lads all I can say is "Whaa."

To everyone, Thanks. It was worth it.

Dykes 1982: Chuck Kause
Rats: Geoffrey Sklar



MICHAEL PATRICK J. SCHWITTER

"Mika"
Naeiels Glarus Schweiz CH
Physics—Panzergrenadier

Sigma Pi Sigma Honor Society, Vice President SPS, RDC Officer, Dean's Honor List 4,3,2,1; Boxing

I have climbed many mountains but none has taken me four years.

Der einzige Grenadier ist ein Panzergrenadier!

Dykes 1982: James B. Hickey
Rats: Russell S. Sloane



DAVIDSON ARTHUR SCOTT

"Deddle"
Lexington, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

No. 1 Club; Private 4,3,2,1; Amateur Radio Club 4,3,2,1; Brown Fan Club 4,3,2; IEEE 3,2,1; Nowhere 4,3,2,1

From rat to first class it was all a big game except the rules changed while you played and the deck was stacked against you. Everyone had to play but no one could win. Some didn't wait to finish but the majority did. Sometimes it seemed like you had four hotels on Boardwalk and Park Place only to end up with a mortgage on Baltic Avenue. While I did my time in Jail I tried to make it seem like Free Parking and always emerged with a smile that, no matter how they yelled, kept coming back. I've learned that it's not so much how you play the game (some by the rules, some not) it's more who you have by your side playing with you. I only wish we could have all passed Go. Thanks Mom and Dad and Family. More thanks to Dave, John, John, Kurt, Ken, Greg, Jeff, Mike and the rest. Thanks to my Dykes who got me started in the proper perspective and special thanks to Dianne. Now I'm ready for the Big Game.

Dykes 1982: Todd Minnix
Rats:









DONALD RAY SCROGGINS II

"Scroggy, Donny, Kilroy, Moe, Roo, Kangaroo"
Fairfax, Virginia
Biology—Air Force

Virgin Pvt; Trainer; Monogram Club 1; Run Shit After Taps Club 3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3; Almost #1 Club 3,2,1; Almost all-pro 4,3; No Demos 2; WIB Club 4,1; DIB Club 4,3,2,1; Acad Extinguished; VPI RNGR Chase Team 1; '69 Love Brokers 1; Psych Ass't 2,1; Projects Resident 1

I write this history as a 1st classman confined to barracks. How VMI. Some things never change. It's always a pain to be here, but you survive through internal strength and the laughter of friends. The saving graces of VMI: The friends you make here; your family, [2nd only because they're so far away]; The knowledge you gain about yourself here. Others include distractions like, athletics, craziness in barracks, the women woven into your cadetship, roadtrips, parties, and weekends. [The salvation of a cadet.] VMI isn't so bad after awhile because you acquire immunity to it's pitfalls. VMI will always be the uncollege, but it's home. As crazy as it sounds, you learn to love this place.

I must mention those who have helped me survive here. Thanks, Mom and Dad. I've stretched your patience and love to limits I shouldn't have. I owe you so much more than time and tuition would show. I love you both so very much. Kelly, you're a great friend, thanks for the good times! Joe, keep on plugging. You'll win. Kevin and Greg, thanks for cracking me up. Felicia, ours is a special friendship. Thanks for a fun Ring Figure! Jen, you're a blast; have faith you'll always be successful. Shana, thanks for putting up with me, you're a special lady. Jack and Sharon, stick together! Karen, I hope our friendship grows; You're sweet! Thanks for the Frat parties John! I thank the Fairfax gang for their support. Craig, Charlie, Vince, and George. You're super people. To those unrecognized, my deepest apologies. Thank you all. Lastly thank God.

Dykes 1982: Guy Lewis Marangoni
Rats: Robb "Scare" Crow



JOHN MITSUO SHIMOTSU

"Kamikaze Rat, Shimotski, Su"
Culver City, California
History, International Studies—Navy

Marshall Scholar 2,1; Truman Scholarship Nominee 3; Methodist Men 3,2,1; VMI Museum 2, Timmons Society 4,3,2,1; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; New Market Death March 43; Old Mens Club 58; Pvt 4, Cpl 3; Sgt-Color Sgt 2; Cpt Regt Adj 1

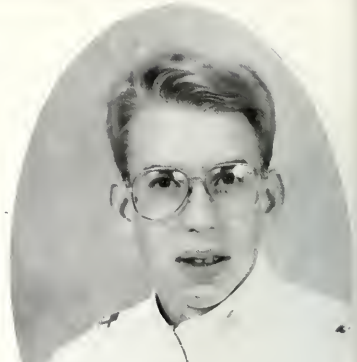
John has been a most difficult man to live with. His attention to detail, self discipline, and gentlemanly bearing have been most maddening. Not to mention things like getting ac-stars and rank after I'd convinced my parents that a 2.0 was superior achievement, and 54 demerits a semester wasn't excessive in the big scheme of things. Never the less I've grown to admire John for these qualities and his moral courage. I wish him peace and a happy life.

John was the one who had the rank and the grades. The only class he ever struggled through was physics. I think by the end he had recopied the book, twice. Even so at the end of the year he was the Regt. S-1 and had ac-stars. His sense of humor was unique and time delayed. He was active throughout his cadetship in his church, the community, and the VMI. It is a good thing that John, Chris, and I met because we were the only ones able to room with each other for 3 years. I wish him the best of luck with the Navy and his other pursuits.

Many friends and lessons have come from my years at VMI. I am grateful to my family, my roommates, Rev. Draper, Col Wilson, and my friends for their support. I am also grateful to the Smith's Gardner's, Allen's, Chappell's, and Wolf's for their hospitality during furlough.

Lord,
Grant me the abilities to meet my tasks
Not tasks to meet my abilities

Dykes 1982: Underwood, R
Rats: Phillips, J S; Moore, J P



WARREN WALKER SHINDLE

"H"
Vienna, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Army

Private 4,3,2,1; ASME; Dean's List 2; Cross Country 3,2,1; Wade Williams Fun Runner Program; Club 46 3,2,1; Road Warrior 2; Club 46 Purple Heart;

My stay at the Institute the last four years has been the most enjoyable and memorable years of my life. The price which was paid was well worth it. I am eternally indebted to my parents whose support made the life at VMI bearable.

To all my roommates at the I. (all 11 of them)—Thanks for all the great times in 407 and ghetto 46. From wrestling the missing link to being stabbed by a bayonet, I had a blast.

To Coach Williams and Virge—I appreciate the chance you gave me to run at the college level. The memories of the heat, the hills, the pit, the pain, and the coaching will always be remembered and cherished.

To the Brother Rats of 85—Good Luck in what ever path you chose to travel.

Dykes 1982: Richard Keister
Rats: Michael Mock

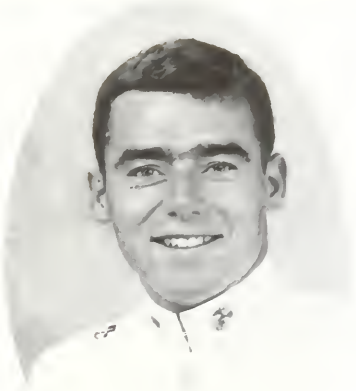












AUGUSTUS GRAHAM SHIRLEY II

"Sugar Bear, A.G., Moosehips, Chucky Bear"
Pearisburg, Virginia
History—Army

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; DMG; VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1; Marine Corps Marathon 3; BOMB 4,3,2, Managing Ed. 3,2; Pub. Board 3; Rat Bible Stud; VMI Softball 4, Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt./M Sgt. 2; Cdt Capt. Reg. S-5 1; Rm. 300 Jungle Div.; John Ryd Bush Award, 4, Nat Sojourners Award, 2

I came to VMI 3 years ago with an idealistic view. During these years this idealistic attitude has been the cause of many frustrations and in many ways this idealistic attitude remains. I will never regret coming to VMI for in many ways it has been the source of many joys and fond memories. I will always believe that VMI will only give you what you put into her. She has been a cruel teacher and a strict parent. VMI has taught me more about myself and others, yet I know there is so much more to learn.

Of all the things VMI has given me the things I will always value the most are the relationships that I have developed with my roommates. I would like to call them friends but they are more than friends. In the past two years they have become part of my life and more importantly part of me. They have become true Brother Rats.

I would never have done as well at VMI as I have without the support of many people. First of all there are one or two members of faculty who gave more than was required of them. I will not name them but my thanks, respect, admiration and love will always be theirs. More than any group of people I wish to thank my entire family for their love and support. Most of all I want to thank Mom and Dad for just being there. These past four years have made me realize just how lucky I am to have 2 parents like they are. I will always respect and especially love them for all they have given my brothers and sister. Granddaddy I just wish you were here 18 May

Dykes 1982: Doug Burdette
Rats: Nick Lovelace, Chuck Seelke

P. M. SHOEMAKER

"Shoe, Trash Dog, Sweet Shoe, Onion Head"
Blairstown, New Jersey
Mechanical Engineering—Navy

Corporal/Private 3; Private 2,1; Cadet Asst. 3,2,1; Delta-Sigma-Nu 3; Moofus-Doofus Award 2,1; Bat Cave 1.

What has VMI been for me? Best described; a love-hate relationship. There were many times when leaving was foremost on my mind. Yet, I survived and even prospered. VMI has given me two very dear gifts. The first, surprisingly enough, is reality Those far-fetched dreams of youth have been replaced with the realistic ambitions of a young man on the threshold of his career. The second and most precious, is friendship. I am blessed with a set of true friends. Despite arguments, jealousies, and the other plagues of friendship you guys proved your character time and time again. Thank you, I will always remember you Shoe

Old Shoe has been around all four years. From throwing-up out his Rat window, to Chicken woman, to Oscar, roadtrips, girls, and after taps talks. We've hated, loved and drank together. You'll be able to see us twenty years from now at some reunion buying cokes in the PX—looking for girls, of course! We wouldn't want it any other way. Scott Pearson

Dykes 1982: Jeb Snider
Rats: Bill Nixon, Mike Schenstrom

JOHN JOSEPH SMART

"Maxwell, J.J., Mighty John"
Princeton, New Jersey
Civil Engineering—Marine Corps

PVT. 4,3; Sgt. 2; Color Sgt. 1; Dean's List 3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 3; VMI Faculty Awards Comm. 2,1; C.E. Society 2, (Pres.) 1; Softball 4, Briefcase Full Of Brews 3,2; Hog Football 3,2,1; Bulldog P.T Stud

VMI has been a great adventure. To try to recount all the good times would be impossible. I have gained so many true friends it would be impossible to name them all. You have all touched me in some way. I feel sure we will all meet again in some other time and place. So rather than saying goodbye I will say good luck and thanks.

Dykes 1982: Andy Burris
Rats: Ben Semmes













ANDREW MADISON PATRICK SMITH

"Drew, Hick, Stoneface"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

ASCE, Rat Training Cadre 3,2,1; Engineer Platoon; Airborne Badge, Ring Figure Honor Guard; Corporal 3; 1ST/Mst. Sgt., F Co. XO; RDC

Sacrifice and Frustration. The road to becoming a man is more difficult than I ever imagined. The turns and potholes occur often, making it difficult to keep positive. The setbacks keep coming, but the men keep marching ahead reaching for their dreams while the rest scatter and settle for less. My time at VMI wasn't always my favorite, but it may get me a little bit further along that difficult road.

A special thanks to my family: mom, dad, sisters, brothers, and both grandmothers for lending an ear now and then. I couldn't have gone this far without Parrish, my partner, and his family. I just want to say you be beautiful!

Good luck to the room 150 Hooters

Dykes 1982: Robert Page Louthan
Rats: Carlos Junio Lofstrom

CHRISTOPHER A. SMITH

"Der Schmit, Smitty"
Fairfax, Virginia
History—Army

Tanker Platoon 3,2,1(CIC); Sport Parachute Club 2; Old Men's Club 58

Chris has been a Brother Rat in the true sense of the title for the past four years. He was a gentleman, and encouraging friend, a man that always did more than his share of the work, and the exerciser of a humor that brought cheer when it most needed. During furloughs he opened his home and made me feel like a member of his family. Few have worked as resolutely towards achieving a commission. I pray for his continued strength in the faith and the blessings that will flow from it. JMS

Chris was always the calm, easy going member of the room. He survived all the special programs set up for him. He was forever playing practical jokes on somebody, and the after taps expounding on "..world Smithism." Smitty made things much more interesting in the room. John and I will always be able to thank him for encouraging us to "see" the countryside between the I and New Market. I am glad I got to know him because he has been a good friend and roommate for the duration. HEA

What are the facts? Again and again and again—What are the facts? Shun wishful thinking, forget what "the stars foretell," and what the neighbors think, never mind the unguessable "verdict of History" what are the facts! Dig beneath surface appearances, what you find won't always be pretty, but knowledge is power and the truth will set you free. You pilot always into an unknown future, facts are your single clue.

My friend works hard and certainly laughs hard. At times his laughter is the saving grace of us all. DPW

Dykes 1982: Richard "Moose" McQue, Ted Huffman
Rats: Richard Wargacki

DAVID TODD SMITH

"E.T., Toddrick, Smitty"
Colonial Heights, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Air Force

Band Co 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Chapel Choir 2,1; Commanders 3; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 3,2,1; NECA Meritorious Scholarship for Academic Excellence 3,2; Member Col Nichols Work Ethic Crew 4,3,2,1; Regimental Sgt. Pvt. 2; First Class Pvt. 1

The time is quickly approaching where I will finally achieve my VMI diploma. Do I have any regrets for attending the finest military school in the nation?... Not really. VMI has taught me many lessons during my brief stay in Lexington. Honor, integrity, and duty are the first that come to mind. But as I stop and ponder my VMI experience, several deeper ideals come to mind which transcend all the characteristics and knowledge that I have acquired at VMI. These themselves are simple in their composition and easy to explain. An individual must set goals in order for life to have meaning and purpose. The reason that goals have such importance is that sacrifices must be made in order to achieve results. Hopefully, with a little luck, determination, the grace of God, and a great deal of persistence, performance can be achieved. Notice that I said performance and not goals should be the desired result. For it is how one performs in attempting to achieve that makes up the man's character. Dykes, the best of luck in your trials at VMI. Brother Rats, we have finally made it. Rol, thanks for your enthusiasm toward VMI and life. And finally thank you Mom and Dad for everything

Dykes 1982: Mel Tolley
Rats: Rob Cantanio









MARVIN WAYNE SMITH JR.

Lexington, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Paul D. Camp '05 Scholarship; Member CE Society at VMI; ASCE; Chm. TCFC '85; Douglas Carter France '70 Memorial Award Rec. '83; Treas. College Republicans; Football; Wrestling; Rugby; Reg. Color Sgt.; Reigning "HAWG CUP AWARD" Winner

History is an emphasis on tragedies.

Nostalgia is a longing for something that never was.

The Institute has often been a historical place for me; however, my reflections will always be nostalgic. The people that I met have made the difference.

The greatest challenge of VMI was the struggle to remain optimistic.

Dykes 1982: Mike Hall
RATS: Jim Kiker



PETER RAYMOND SNIFFIN

"Pete, Philo, Sniff"
Fredricksburg, Virginia
English—Army

Fellowship Of Christian Athletes 4,3, Pres. 2,1; Religious Council 4,3,2,1; Officer of The Guard Association 1; The CA-DET 2,1; The BOMB 1; Basketball 4; The Garbagemen 1, SCSC 2; Victor Bernet Fan Club 3,2,1.

Throughout the long four years that we all go through here at the Institute, I find that what I cherish most in the end is the appreciation of life's smaller things that these years have given me. A call to my family, a letter from a friend, a smile on the stoop, and the laughter of my roommates are all worth a million dollars to me. What I have learned to appreciate most are the people God has introduced to me here. Kyle, Tyke, Bryon, Palmer, Kelley, Tim, Chris, Ian, Zane, Jeff, Mark, the Steves and all the other guys I've met, thank you for your friendship and help. Duff Green, thank you for personifying the VMI Spirit for me. Matt, all I can say is that you are a great friend and I treasure all our times together. Chaplain and Mrs. Caudill, thank you for your motivating and comforting smiles and hugs. Mr. and Mrs. Leech and my sister Tish, thank you for taking me in and sharing the emotions of four years with me. I love you. To my roommates, Todd, Dave, and Vic you all win the world heavyweight championship of friendship and it has been an honor to say you were my roommates. God bless you. Mom, Dad, Chip, and Ted, no one could have a greater and more loving family. I love you more than I could ever express. Thank you! Finally, thank you Lord for walking with me and carrying me when I needed to be carried. These people are the greatest blessings of my life and when the rest of my memories of the Institute fade, they will always remain brilliant in my mind. I love you all greatly and you will always be in my prayers. And now, save me that great seat Duff 'cause here I come Moody Hall.

Dykes 1982: Timmy Dignan
Rats: Ted Pryor



WILLIAM TODD SOUTHARD

"Hollywood, Todo, Toddles, Caveman"
Fort Collins, Colordao
English—Air Force

Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; Operations Sgt. 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Navigators; AFROTC Vice Commandant's Award; Football 4,3, Rugby 2,1; Scuba 2,1; Blue Whalers 2,1; SCSC 2; Ring Design Committee 2; Victor Bernet Fan Club 3,2,1; Academically Undistinguished.

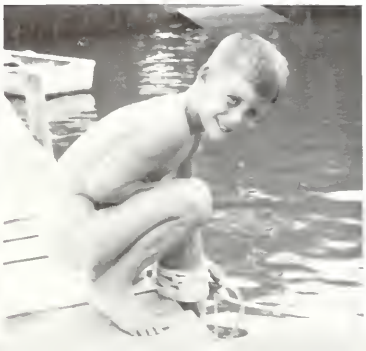
Over the four trying years at VMI I have experienced many different things. These experiences are priceless and have created images of laughter and sorrow which will entertain my thoughts for years to come. I credit my joyful experiences to my friends whom I thank for making the rough road to graduation less difficult to endure. A single smile from a friend has often proved more than enough to alleviate the pressures and aggravation we too readily associate with VMI. Many thanks to my roommates for suffering sleepless nights so that I may lie happily snoring in my bed. To my mother and father I give the most thanks of all. Without your encouragement, support, and love, I would never have been able to get this far. Thank you. . .I love you both.

> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.
> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;
> do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interests of others.
>
> Philippians 2:2-4

Dykes 1982: John Bangart
Rats: Greg Bowman









RICHARD HUGH SPEIR

"Albert, Elmer Fudd"
Frostburg, Maryland
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Baseball 4; VMI Firefighters 2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; Concrete Canoe Race Comm. 1; The Projects 2,1; Dean's List 3,2,1; Private 3; Corporal 3, Sgt. 2; Bravo Co. Commander 1; AFROTC Scholarship

I would like to thank my mom and all of my family for their great understanding during this trying four year period. Without their love and support I don't think I would have made it. Lisa, thank you for being there when I needed you. Your care and warmth have been a ray of sunshine in this gloomy and dismal way of life. I can't say that I'm leaving VMI empty handed. From my trials and tribulations I have learned the meaning of sacrifice, of dedication, of endurance. Like so many men who have come here before me I can honestly say that I didn't have a great time while I was here. But I'm leaving VMI a better person than when I came. Many people have asked me, do you like it?, are you glad you stayed?, why did you go there?. To these people, and there are many, I say that the explanation goes beyond words. It's something you feel in your heart and in your soul. It's something you have to experience to understand. I would say, however, that I'm glad I came, but I'm glad I'm finished. To Alex and all of my Brother Rats, thank you for everything. Remember, we did it together!

RHS '85

Dykes 1982: Chuck Fanshaw
Rats: Paul Best



JAMES FRANCIS SPELLMAN III

"Beaker, Beaks"
Eastchester, New York
History—Marines

Plt. Lt. 1; Sgt 2; Firefighters 1; Tanker Plt. 3,2; Marine Det. 4,3,2, 1; Minor in summer school 4,3,2; VMI-UVA Navigator 2,1; President of the Mayor Ed Koch Fan Club—Virginia Chapter 1; Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1

"I remember hearing a story of a young man who left his small town to seek fame and fortune in a large city. He said that happiness would be the sight of that little town in his rearview mirror. Yet, once in the city, he longed for the friendliness of home, so he travelled back there. But even going home didn't help. Finally his mother sat him down and told him to try once again to make it for surely he would find fame and fortune. Don't worry so much, said his mother, in time you'll make friends and everything new will be old hat. Remember, she told him, it is impossible to drive forward if you're always looking in the rearview mirror!" Unknown

I guess I did find that fortune after all in the friends I've made here. Harv, Jerry, Todd, Mags, Dug, Jay, Dave, and Sol, you've kept me going. Linda, you're the best girlfriend a guy could ever hope for. Many good times await us, thanks for those so far. You know I love you. Katie, Megan, and Amie, I'll miss you three very much. Please take care. Finally to you Mom and Dad, your support has always been there and I'll never be able to say thank you enough. Only God loves you more and one day I hope he'll allow me to be as great a person as each of you are.

"Now this same day must end the work that it begun. And whether we shall meet again I know not. Therefore our everlasting farewell take. If we do meet again, why, we shall smile; if not, why, then this parting was well made." Julius Ceasar Act V Sc.1

Dykes 1982: Frank Bell
Rats: Jeff Barratt



JOSEPH MARVIN SPIVEY IV

"Jake the Snake, Jakester, Frank, Skinny Doc"
Richmond, Virginia
History—Navy

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Football 4; Water Polo 3; Lacrosse 2,1; Pre-Law Society 4,3,2, Pres. 1; No. 1 Club 2; Co-Sports Editor CADET 1.

In retrospect, these have been four trying years. I have enjoyed some good but put up with much more bad. VMI is an alluring place. Nowhere else is there a place, in which men spend four crucial years of their lives, abhoring yet submitting to the incessant and prodigal attempts of a certain few seeking to make the Corps and Institute better. Yet after they have graduated they become zealots, unlike those of any other college or university. Fortunately, I find myself devoid of the anticipation of becoming an alumnus so that I may acclaim the loftiness of VMI. I do maintain that there is a great deal of something within a "VMI Man" but I would have a hard time finding out what that might be apart from his honor. Without a doubt I am thankful for the friendships I have made here, I know they will last forever. But, my distaste for the people who hold the positions which dictate the direction the school is to pursue shall not soon end. If I did not write what I have written above, I would not be being true to myself nor would I be being fair to those who I feel are knowingly or unknowingly destroying VMI. That destruction is what I find a terrible shame.

Thanks: Mom & Dad, Budda and CBEB&C, and Dr. Burgess.
Special Thanks: Aunt Sis, the Warners, and Dr. Monsour.
Good Luck: Room S-56, Tim, Dave, and Woo, Dan and Tim.
If you don't have dreams you've got nightmares.
If you fight authority, authority always wins.
John Cougar
If you don't have something good to say, say it anyway.
JMS IV

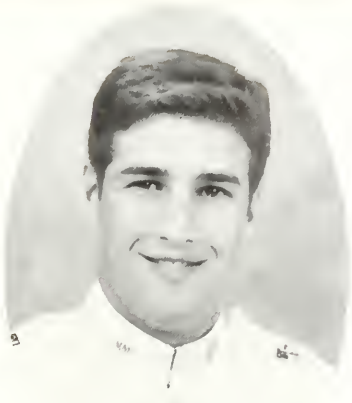
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Rats: Dan Wilson

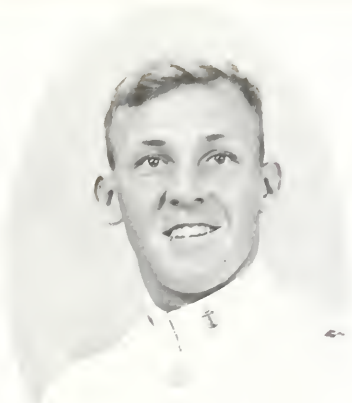












MICHAEL A. STEEN

Annapolis, Maryland
History/International Studies—Special Student

Art Editor Sounding Brass; Chapel Choir Pres. 1; Religious Council; Glee Club; Timmons Society; Civil War Round Table Pres. 1; BSU Pres. 1; Advertising/Promotions Manager Bomb 1; Business Manager Bomb 1; Theatre Staff

The training is over now and the quest begins . . . Ancestral
spires mount the air,
Footworn steps guide perilous rails
Dimming lights and dust swept halls
While forgotten faces line the walls.
Agedead candles light the cross
As shadowed flags flit in a stagnant breeze.
The dull aching throb of a distant bell
Echoes from the rolling night,
Pounding ont it's quiet cadence
To shadow files shifting slow
Through the ranks of dimming stars,
The end of an ageless code
Trodden long on a darkling field,
One less shadow midst itself . . .
A harp string sounds an echoed call,
The dust resettles as images fade,
Who will be heard from . . .
Who will remember the price that was paid.
VMI must be experienced, it can't be explained. It twists our memories and molds our dreams She has left her mark on me and I will never be the same.
Have a good one Brother Rats, this furlough may last awhile. It is time for the quest to begin. The road to the Grail leads ever upward,
Theirig Le Gab, Mo Braither

Dykes 1982: John Boyd
Rats: Daniel Haynes

JAMES KEVIN STINEBOWER

"Stonefarmer, Stiny, Son of Buttermaker"
Eaton Rapids, Michigan
History/International Studies—Navy

Rat Training 3.2.1; CIC 1; Hop and Floor 3.2.1; Rank Private 4, 3.2.1; Lt. Richard P. Hansen Appreciation Society 4.3.2.1

It's hard to sum up my four years at VMI. They say that these years are supposed to be the best years of your life and at times they seem to be, but more often then seemed to be the worst. The things that you looked forward to were usually a disappointment, its the things that you never expected that are remembered as the good times.

I came to VMI for an education and received an excellent one, but the things that I learned in Barracks and from other people far exceeds anything I learned in the classroom. Nothing can compare to what I've gained while at VMI, even the bad times, and there were many, taught me so much about myself and life that I wouldn't trade my years here for anything.

Dykes 1982: Bill Kulas
Rats: Paul Brotzen, Chris Start

DAVID EUGENE STINNETTE

"Stinnetsoo, Beetle"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Navy

Honor Court Vice President 1; Honor Court Representative 2; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt /Sgt /MSgt. 2; Third Battalion XO 1; ASCE 4 3.2.1; Ring Figure P.R. Comm. 3.2; Concrete Canoe 1, 337 Cinema Club; Blue Whaler 2.1; Hogs Flag Football Team 2.1

After three years and two summer schools at VMI; of long nights of late study, little sleep, and general worry and depression I hate to see the final year pass so quickly. I thought I would never say that, but it's true. Besides the fact that VMI instills in each cadet a deep sense of individual pride and integrity, it also incorporates a strong bond of friendship and brotherhood. Since Rat year I've roomed with some great guys ("J", "OOTS", "WG", "MAC", and "GREENIE"), these animals of room 137 I owe a lot. Not only did we usually help each other out, we almost made the "I" bearable and ever more interesting. From day one of Cadre through graduation, I owe my brother Wade (class of '80) many thanks. I always looked up to him for his achievement, and thus strived to be such an achiever myself as well. I will always be in debt to my mother, father, uncle Owen and family for their individual support and encouragement through the four long years. I sincerely love and thank them all. Someday down the road, the class of '85 will somehow pay back the Institute for all she gave us; and when we do look out!

Dykes 1982: Scott P. White
Rats: John D. McCray, John L. MacMichael













JOHN ALEXANDER STUART

"Stu"
Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Pvt. 2; Lt. 1; RDC 1; Cadre 2,1; Rat Training 3,2; Hop and Floor Committee 3,2; Ring Figure 1985 Rock Painting Comm. 2; Hog Football 1.

"4/3/1868: In Minole, Hawaii, a surfer named Halua rides a 50-foot wave, the biggest anyone has ever ridden. Halua later admits that he wasn't trying to break any records—he rode the wave to avoid being crushed by it."

W.P.

A wave, the continuous tide of life. VMI and life itself are analogous to surfing. Ride the gargantuan wave of life devoid of pressure and necessity. Ride for the thrill and excitement, feelings of destitution and epicurianism. Yet if you don't you

will be subdued.

If you ask a cadet why he came to VMI more than likely he will answer, I don't know. I have to admit there wasn't a specific reason why I came here. I know it wasn't for the confinement. This is a steppingstone for an adventurous future. To all friends, excluding geeks, be prolific and happy with whatever you do, and have an exciting and enterprising life.

I WILL NEVER FORGET

Thank you mother and father
for all that you have done.

Dykes 1982: Kevin Sharp
Rats: Matt "Psycho" Kolosvike

RICHARD STANLEY SULLIVAN

"Rick, Rich, Dick"
Stanardsville, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Air Force

Pvt.; Permit Rider; Football; Swimming; Boxing; ASCE; Dean's List; Firefighters; AFROTC Scholarship; Cadet Assistant; Water Polo.

The dreams died along with the innocence and convictions that were once so firm. Emptiness was left, along with a deep sense of loss for the boy who could once laugh and love so easily.

But years have passed; experience has made me a man proud, confident. I have witnessed and experienced many things; I have met many challenges. I leave the Institute now with noble concepts of integrity, devotion and knowledge. With the strengths I have festered at VMI, I am not only comfortable in the face of lifes challenges—I welcome the chance they provide me to excell.

Dykes 1982: Larry Williams
Rats: Al J. Bergh

SHANE DARREN SULLIVAN

"Joe Rockhead, Sully, Big Head"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics—Navy

Baseball 4,3,2; Society of Young Economists 3,2,1; Investment Club 1; TCFC Treas.; Class Treas.; Dean's List 3,2; Private 4,3,2, 1.

When people ask me why I came to VMI, I usually say it was because I wanted to do something different. The reason I've stayed was to fulfill a dream that my father and mother had and that I also had. This prose by Dean Allrance is dedicated to the memory of my father George M. Sullivan Jr.

MY CREED

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon—if I can. I seek opportunity—not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having a state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream, to build, to fail, and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenge of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done! All this is what it means to be an American.

Dykes 1982: Mike Hall
Rats: Jim Buddo, Brian Demers













STUART SAUNDERS TAYLOR

"Stuby, Magilla"
Norfolk, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Special Student

Soccer 4,3,1; Rugby 3; Lacrosse 4; Ski Club; No. 1 Club; Team Ringo; Quarter Century Club; Rastaman; Amittyville Club; Batcave Club.

Most of us did not know any better, but I had to transfer here after 2 years of normal education. What an underestimation of how terribly heinous certain societies may actually be. But once the commitment was made, we all realized the future was our goal and there was no kicking out. This place was one massive drop-in to a long tube of confusion, anxiety, uncertainty and finally astonishment that we might just shoot out and graduate.

The rewards have yet to become remotely apparent but the friendships shared are certainly an encouraging start. Unlimited love and appreciation go to Mom and Dad for never quitting on me even when long-ago they had every reason to. As for rank, every family needs at least one private. And to Kaytren, words could not encompass my feelings for someone who has taught me the meaning of love, dedication, and unselfishness through her own example. Without her support, V.M.I. would have been but a short visit and I love her for being the babe she is.

You go your way and I'll go mine; and I hope you're happy all the time.

Dykes 1982: Duke Addison
Rats: David Gibbings

LAWRENCE ALLEN THOMAS

"Larry, Ranger Rick, Woodsy"
Martinsville, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

Airborne/Ranger; ROTC Scholarship 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; First Sgt. 1; Firefighters 2,1; Ranger Platoon 4,3,2,1; IEEE 3,2,1; Dean's List 2,1; Rock Painting Comm.; The Projects Resident 2, 1; Voyager into The Skutt Zone 4,2,1

Time and time again I've been asked if I really like VMI, and I've never been able to explain my feelings. I hate the work. I hate the rules. I hate the lack of freedom. But, I still love it. VMI isn't rules or buildings. It's people. With very few exceptions I can say that I like everyone I go to school with. My best friends are in the corps and corps community. This includes the faculty, staff, and especially the families. Nowhere else is there a finer group of people and I'll always be proud to be associated with them. Years from now even if the Institute changes beyond recognition on the outside I hope that the spirit will remain unchanged.

Thanks so much to my parents, they were more than help, I couldn't have made it without them.

I was also fortunate to have the world's best roommates and to have the opportunity to experience life in "The Projects" with some of the most unusual yet greatest guys in the world.

Dykes 1982: Mark Dahlinger
Rats: Greg Thomas, Thomas Taylor

MAURICE ERIC THOMPSON

"Moe"
Claiton, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4,3

Four years may seem like a lifetime and VMI makes sure that it is. Being the new infant (rat) in the world and not having the slightest idea of what was going on, our mother (cadre) had to take us by the hand and show us how to survive in this new world. Once we had proved that we could survive on our own or mother freed us to go on or quit! I think we all decided to go on and, we also decided that it would be our ATTITUDE and not our AMPLITUDE that would get us to that ALTITUDE (Graduation).

Fellows, believe me, it definitely has been a real experience and I love all of you. I wish you the best of spirits, health, and wealth in the years to come.

Dykes [88], Just remember to have a good ATTITUDE about everything and if you do, the problem is already half solved. Also remember, Do unto others as you would have done to yourself and may peace be with you always

Dykes 1982: Leslie "Dink" Dunnaville
Rats: Kevin Washington, Mike Mayo













TERRACE BARRELL THOMPSON

"The Assassin"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Football 4,3,2,1; AFROTC 3 ½ year Scholarship Co-Captain Football 84-85; Keydet Club 4 year Scholarship Promaji 4,3,2,1; Corporal 1982; Sergeant 1983; ASME—Vice President 84-85; Lieutenant 1984. Recipient of George S. Phillips Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

During my senior year in high school, I really didn't know what I was getting myself into when I decided to attend VMI. Now that I'm here and have put up with almost 4 years of this place, I would just like to say thank you.

I would like first to thank the most important one of all—God, for without my faith in him I would have never made it. Next, I would like to thank my family. Thanks Mom & Dad for putting up with my complaining and griping whenever I was upset with VMI. I surely can't forget to thank my girlfriend Jamie, and her family. For 4 years, they have put up with more complaining from me than my parents have. I'd like to thank my roommates, Dave Twillie, Steve Marsh, and Todd Smith. Thanks for being the best roommates a guy could ask for. All I have to say to you three is keep your ---- off my desk. Thank you's go out to the football coaches and to Mr. Sun for always being there to brighten up my day. Thanks Frank Ladson for being a great, understanding friend from "The Bridge."—I love you all.

I would like to say that being at VMI hasn't been a piece of cake. There have been many times that I wanted to throw in the towel and quit, but the longer I stayed, the more I realized what the Virginia Military Institute was doing for me. Thank you VMI for helping me to be what I resolved to be.

Dykes 1982: Floyd Allen
Rats: James Wright, Calvin Williams

TODD LAWRENCE THORNES

"Father Todd, Toddilingus, Psuedo"
Parksley, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

American Society of Mechanical Engineers 3,2,1; V.M.I. Sport Parachute Club 2; V.M.I. Ski Club 2,1; Corporal 3; Second Battalion Sergeant-Major 1; Arnold Air Society 1.

Some people have different roommates every year due to their character (or lack thereof). In my case, I had different roommates due to living arrangements, but this became an advantage. Fifteen different roommates over four years—fifteen different personalities and fifteen great people. I want to thank these fifteen roomies for helping me through the "I" and making me the better person that I feel that I have become. Brother Rats, I'm going to miss you dearly. Thanks Mom, Dad, Allan, and the rest of my family and friends for giving me the love and support to get through VMI. Without each and every one of you I never would have made it, I love you all.

Todd

"You know there is this feeling I like—when just the beginning of spring comes along, not too hot or too cold, but a good feeling in the breeze. A nice walk at the beach perhaps; yes, I can feel it now, the damp sand I would walk over with the sound of the waves breaking on the beach and being overcome by a sweet breeze. I guess you think I have a good imagination. Well, it's a nice thought to have and it feels good just to be able to dream from the usual everyday routine."—M.

Good luck Lance, Ed, Bruce, Greg, and Jeff! VMI is that long hard road that we've all talked about, but it is the different and it is worth it.

Dykes 1982: Alan Hale
Rats: Lance Gilman

WILLIAM THOMAS TILLING III

"Bubba, Chubba, Hubba Bubba"
Winchester, Virginia
Economics—Army

Society of Young Economists 3,2,1; Investment Club 3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Pre-Law Society Sec-Treas.; College Republicans 2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Private 4,2,1; Yacht Club Pledge.

Short term pain for long term gain. That's what I figured when I decided to come here. I hope it is working. I never pictured myself in a military atmosphere, and still can't. It's been a quick 4 years—too quick. The party's over! I'm out in the real world now, baby! I've had some good and bad times in this joint, and got a lot of memories out of it. But I'll mostly remember the things I learned in this place. The most important is that I'm made of a little more than I thought I was. This of course is because of my parents, who are tops in their field. Also, Sybil and Murph, you guys are always welcome in my home.

I must thank all of the guys who have gone through it with me: Bill, Dan, Tommy, Neil, Mat, J.P., Borny, Chuck, Scotty, etc. It's been great. And of course I want to thank Mom and Dad especially for their enormous love and support. And thank God!

Dykes 1982: Charlie Sharpe
Rats: Sam Nelson, Joey Swink













DAVID LEROY TINGLEY

"McTingley, Barney"
Stoneboro, Pennsylvania
Electrical Engineering—Coast Guard

Rugby 2,1; Wrestling 4,3; IEEE 4,3,2,1; Eta Wappa Nu 2,1; SCSC 3; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Dyke School 2; Blue Whalers 2,1; He Man Women Haters Club 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1.

I could talk about the hard times, yes they were tough. I could about the confinement, yes it was long. I could talk about any of the various difficulties we suffered together, but I think I would like my history to record some of the good times: the evenings at Estelle's with good chile and bad beer, the "Blue Whale" parties at Westmoreland, the road trips, Sunday parties, hanging out on the stoop in "Ghetto" corner, the rugby games with appropriate post-game festivities, and many others. VMI is only what you make of it, and I would like to thank my roommates and brother rats who made it worthwhile for me. I love all of you and though I may not miss the hard times I will dearly miss those who made them bearable. Thank you VMI for making friendships strong enough to last beyond your cold stone walls.

"There is a great difference between gaining experience and just growing older."

—Col. William J. Buchanan

Dykes 1982: Mark Sofia
Rats: Eddie Armstrong

LAMONT PIERRE FERNAL TOLIVER

"King Nut, Sugarpig, Hollywood, Lonnie T"
Duquesne, Pennsylvania
History, Psychology—Air Force

Football 1,2,3,4; Pre-Law Society; Promaji, Vice President 83, President 84; Dog Phi Dog 84,85.

I would like to take this time to thank all those who have been influential in helping me to pursue my academic aspirations. But most importantly, I would like to thank those who have helped me realize those aspirations. Space does not allow me to thank each of you individually. However, I am sure you know who you are, so from the depths of my heart I thank you, but far more important is the fact that I love you. I came here as a young man, full of my own ideas of what a college man should be. Unfortunately, so did VMI. I now depart, not a VMI man mind you, but still a man.

"I strove with none, for none was worth my strife:
Nature I loved, and next to nature, art:
I warmed both hands before the fire of life;
It sinks; and now I am ready to depart."

To those of my friends I leave behind I can only suggest the following: find the beauty of all things and the hours of your life shall be filled. And most of all remember:

"All nature is but art, unknown to thee.
All chance, but direction, which thou cannot See.
All discord, harmony not understood.
All partial evil, universal good.
And spite of pride, In erring reason's spite;
One truth is clear, whatever is, is right."

By the way, "No deja de ser verdad el hecho/du moins il me semble."

Dykes 1982: Leslie "Dink" Dunnaville
Rats: Mike Wood, Charles "Crook" Robertson

SONTICHAI TOOMHIRUN

"Toom"
Krungtep, Thailand
Electrical Engineering—Army

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; IEEE; Eta Kappa Nu; Sigma Pi Sigma; Dean's Honor List; Academically Distinguished.

Sontichai came to VMI from the rigorous life of a cadet at the Royal Thai Military Academy. After just completing a rigorous life there, he came here to begin another. Sontichai did very well and soon distinguished himself, especially in academics.

Life at VMI is not easy for any of us. It has been especially hard for someone who has not returned to his native land since matriculation. I salute Sontichai for his perseverance and cheerful outlook. I would hope that I would do so well under similar circumstances.

I hope that Sontichai has learned from us as we have from him. I believe life here has given him an understanding of Americans and the way we live. I hope that you achieve the success you deserve and I wish you luck, my friend.

AKI '85

Dykes 1982: Handie Han Podo
Rats: Yong K Hong









CHRISTOPHER ALAN TOUHILL

"Chris, Two, Cheezie"
Pittsburgh,
History—Army

Rat 4; Pvt. 3; Sgt 2; First Sergeant 1; AUSA 3,2,1 Treasurer 1; Sport Parachute Club 2,1; Airborne School 3; CTLT 1; Rifle Team 3,2,2, Captain 1; Apple Blossum Escort 2; Kuipers and Kuipers Inc. 4.3

I came to VMI with many immature thoughts of what the future would hold in store for me. I believe that I am leaving here with a much more mature and realistic attitude of what I would like to do with my life. I think this change occurred because of the uniqueness of the school and the experiences I have had here. I have had many experiences at VMI; many good, many bad, but no matter whether they were good or bad I learned from them. I learned about myself and I learned to appreciate many of the things I took for granted before I came here. I never would have made it through VMI without the help of many people. Mom and Dad thank you for your love and understanding. I love you both. Aunt Joan, Greg, Steve, Kathy, Maureen and Colleen thank you for your support. Ben and Ken thank you for being the best room mates I could have had. You guys made life here bearable. Kuips, I wouldn't have made it without your help too.

"The VMI was the best thing that ever happened to me."

GSP Jr.

Dykes 1982: Mike Frailer
Rats: Phil Roberts



RALPH JOHN TREMAGLIO III

"Purpose Man, Wop, Puke, Trig, Smeg"
Meriden, Connecticut
Economics—Army

Pvt. 4,3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Hop Comm. 4,3,2, V.P. 1; S.C.S.C. 2; Blue Whaler 2,1; Bermuda Trip 1; Cadre 1.

When it's time for a party who do you think of? Any good "Blue Whaler" thinks of Ralph. There is however, a side of Purpose Man I have come to know and admire. This man has a solid heart of gold. The range of his loyalty and sensitivity is as vast as his desire to start a party. Anyone who has spent time with him knows that the comparison is accurate and no one would imagine it any other way. MBH

It's hard to believe that my four years are up. The good outweighs the bad by far. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. The friends I've made here are the best you could ask for. Thanks to all of my roommates for making life here both liveable and enjoyable. Of course thanks to all the "Blue Whalers"; there's no other partiers in the world that can compare. Thanks especially to Hammy, Fester, Bush, Bullethead, Gutterman, Jeff, Kelvin, and Rockhead. The roadtrips we took are gone but the effects will linger on. Gordy and Choke, thanks for everything. It's been great having two of your dykes in Lexington for your entire cadetship. Most of all, thanks to my family who put up with me through the rag time. You all are the best anyone could ask for. I may not have said it, but I consider myself the luckiest guy around. Mom and Dad, the support that you've given me makes the diploma yours as well as mine. I love you all.

"So much of what is best in us is bound up in our love of family, that it remains the measure of our stability because it measures our sense of loyalty. All other pacts of love or fear derive from it and are modeled upon it." Haniel Long

Dykes 1982: Joel McBroom
Rats: Scott "Ogre" Stuchelect, Chris Demmons



JAMES ARTHUR TRIBBLE

"Jim, Trib-man, Trip, Trouble, SC"
Pembroke, Massachusetts
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Rat 4. Pvt 3: Pvt, Sgt 2; Operation Sgt., First Sgt 1; Parental Scholarship 4,3,2,1; '85 Ring Figure Committee Chairman; 1985 BOMB: First Class Section Editor; ASME, Mini-Baja '85; D Company 4,3,2,1; "Men with Ring Figure Dates" Society 2; Graphics Lab Cadet Asst.-Manager 1.

This is my chance to tell all, about my cadetship. Those who need to know, already know how I feel about VMI. Instead I will take this opportunity to inscribe in print (forever) some well deserved THANK YOUs.

Mom, Dad, and Con: What can I say? I have never shown the thanks that you both deserve. Without your gratitude and patience I would not be writing this. I love you both, THANKS!!

Audrey: Hey babe, how are . . . well I guess you know how that goes. On matriculation day I never expected us to go this far together. As a new found friend, you provided the spark that put me through rat year. To all of you who think marriage soon after graduation is foolish, obviously you don't have someone like Audrey to share your days and nights with. Believe me, there is no better way. I L M N W Y. 18-15-2

Love always and forever XOXOX

NT's: Friendships like ours are few and far between. Our bond was formed in the summer of '81 and will remain unbroken for eternity. Now as we go our separate ways, we will see how strong our friendship has grown and watch it grow stronger. Keep in touch—LLTNT

BR's: What can be said about a group of fuzz heads that have grown under such adverse conditions with such a strong bond of friendship. BR spirit is the only thing that keeps the "I" operating. Live long and prosperous. Lets do it!!

Dykes 1982: ICRAIDC
RATS: Gregg Lavangie, Jim Maggelet









DAVID ALLEN TWILLIE

"Howy, Twils, Rat Twillie, Dah, D.A."
Little Rock, Arkansas
B.S. Biology—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Chapel Choir 4,3,2,1; Glee club 4,3,2,1; Timmins Society 4,3,1; S-5 4; Cpt. 3; Sgt. 2; Sgm. 2; Cpt. 1; VMI Theater 2.

I believe I came to VMI because of the people here, and I am not at all sorry that I came. I would like to have pages to list all the people who have meant so much to me, but since I only have this small space I can only pray you all realize who you are. I am heavy when I reflect upon my many brothers at VMI from many classes that have really taken the time to know the real David Twillie, to receive and return the love I gave, and to recognize and accept my shortcomings and my strengths. I must thank Darren for direction, my roommates for my sanity, Shelton for making me proud, Chaplain and Mrs. Caudill for understanding me, and the entire VMI family for making me a member. To Dad, Mom, Matt, and Carmen, words cannot express what you all have done for me all my life. As my life moves on my most sincere desire is that we grow closer together throughout our lives. We are surely blessed. VMI, I have no regrets. I earnestly believe that . . .

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends
Roughhew them how we will."

Dykes 1982: Darren Wayne McDew
Rats: Shelton Davis



JAMES THOMAS UNDERWOOD

"Jarwood"
Smithfield, Virginia
History—Marine Corps

Third Class—Cpl.; Firefighters club; Shamrock Marathon. Second Class—Master Sgt; First Sgt; Boxing Club. First Class—Hotel Co. XO; C.W.R.T.

To all my friends, my family, and God: All I can say is "Thanks." It seems that there are times when words cannot adequately express our feelings and, this being one of those times, all we can do is sit back and share the peace of mind that comes with such silence.

Dykes 1982: Grey Hagwood
Rats. Bob Clay, Ross Eggleston



MARK ELLIOTT UTKE

"Ut, U'Man, Tut"
Moorestown, New Jersey
Economics—Army

Virgin Sleeve Private 4,3,2,1; Marshall Museum Wrecking Crew 2; U.S. Marine Corps Marathon 2,1; Scuba Club 3,2,1; Sport Parachute club 3,2,1; Lacrosse 4; AFROTC Schol.; Ranger Platoon 2,1; Cond. Pro. Team 2; U.T.K.E. Fraternity—President 45,3,2,1; O.G.A. Representative 1.

It is difficult to put one's cadetship into words. One of the greatest memories I will possess of VMI will be the friendships I have made here in the past four years. MOTS (FM 185, we've been through a lot together and although you, I, or both of us have been on confinement for the better part of our cadetships—we stuck together and managed to give this place a run for our money. Our trip to the Oyster Bowl was a highlight of my cadetship. "Who won the toss?" I wish all the roommmates I've had in the past the best of luck, and I would also like to thank them for putting up with me and playing all the games by Utke's rules. Club 110 is looking strong this year and should have a strong team to send to the parties (if they ever get off confinement!). Just remember our motto boys, "GO ALL OUT, OR DON'T GO OUT!" Looks like we have just one more stretch of track to cover, BILL, BOB/BILL, and MOTS. Let's do it right and move on to bigger and better challenges.

Thanks Mom, Dad, Suzi, Brian, Lynn "O," and Mike. I couldn't have made it through the last four years without your encouragement and support.

Come back RUSTY!!

Dykes 1982: Mike Gnall, Quick, Mel, B.K
Rats: Ben Griswold









JAMES SCOTT UTTERBACK

"Big Jim, Flex"
Manassas, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Dean's List 4; Azalea Festival 2; Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee 2,1; AFROTC Scholarship 2,1; First Sgt. H Co. 1; Weightlifting Club President.

Four years ago I left the University of Georgia against everyone's advice, including my parents'. I left behind a championship football team, lots of girls, and many good times I will never forget but, I needed something more out of college and I chose VMI because it looked like more of a challenge. I have learned some valuable lessons and the most important—not to give up. Sure everyone gets knocked down, but the loser is the one who stays down, and this place has taught me to always get up. There is a lot to get here, but nobody is going to give it to you. At VMI you get out of it what you put in it. I would like to thank Mom and Dad for their love and support, Dr. Monsour for his helpful advice, and my dyke, Sandy, who showed me the ropes and helped in my transition from UGA because he too was once a "Bulldog." Now, with an M.E. degree at my fingertips and a military commitment ahead, a poem by Bob Dylan sticks in my mind:

I've learned to hate Russians
All through my whole life
If another war starts
It's them we must fight
And accept it all bravely
With God on my side...
So now as I'm leavin'
I'm weary as hell
The confusion I'm feelin'
Ain't no tongue can tell
The words fill my head
And fall to the floor
If God's on our side
He'll stop the next war

Dykes 1982: Sandy Sanders
Rats: Kevin "Roscoe" Davis



JEFFREY ANDREW VALENZUELA

"Spic, Wetback, Who-Ha"
Clifton Forge, Virginia
History—Air Force

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cdt. Cpt. 1; Honor Court 2, Prosecutor 1; CE 4, EN 3, EC 2, HI 1; Firefighters 3,2,1; The Zoo 3,2,1; Rat Training 3; Cadre 3,2,1; Barrack Rappelling Club 2; Blue Whale Club; Cadet Asst. 2,1; Newman Club 1.

Of all the reasons to come to VMI, I came because it was in Virginia and close to home—my Rat year made it seem like a thousand miles. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and then my first weekend after 17 February 82—what a delusion. But now, I wouldn't trade the time I've spent here for equal time spent anywhere else. When I was a Rat I always thought the First Classmen looked so much older and more mature than other people their age. Now I'm in their shoes and I wonder how much different I act and appear to my contemporaries. I remember my Rat year—it was the golden view of 493; Third Class year it was the same three in 373, and as Second and First Class years have shown, it is ironic that we three are what we are today. We've had a heck of a time these past three years, the last not unlike the others—BCEE, SPIC, HICK—remember the golden rain at the end of Cadre week? I'll never forget it. And then during Second Class year I met my Jewish friend from Hymen, PA., and life took on a brighter aspect. Leave some air for me Hebe, pinch your snoozits. Mom, Dad—I can't believe I've made it—it has always seemed so far away. Thanks for believing in me and giving me all the support and love a person could ask for. You are the greatest. The guidance you have given me has helped me keep my priorities straight and because of this, I made it. Thanks for being there and listening. I love you both and I will always be grateful.

Dykes 1982: Scott Fairburn
Rat: Andy MacAllister



SCOTT DOUGLAS VAUGHN

"V-Man"
Newport News, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Army

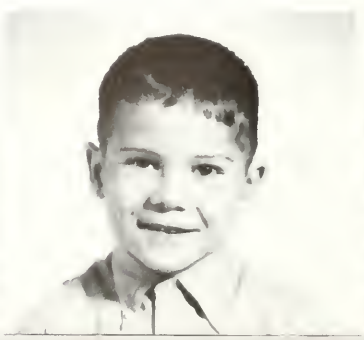
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; I.E.E.E. 1; Monogram Club 2,1; Number One Club.

It seems like only yesterday I was writing my first letter home describing all the horrors of the Ratline and now here I am writing my history. This could almost sound like that first letter, without a doubt the "I" has been difficult, but it sure has been an everlasting experience. An experience that I know will make every day spent here worth it. Also, I can never forget all the great times and especially the great friends. Hard work and hard times (especially confinement) are a trademark of VMI, but most of all, so are the friends. Mark, it's been you and me for four years, thanks for everything (except for the two months). I would like to give special thanks to my family for all of their love and support. Without them I never would have made it.

Good luck to everyone.

Dyke 1982: Joey Keyes
Rats: Scott Sandlin, Tony Ammons













ESSE PAUL WALTZ

"Oots"
Sunbury, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering

Wrestling Team Captain, Letterman 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Drug and Alcohol Committee 2,1; C.C.S.C. 3,2,1; T.D. 4,3,2,1; Blue Whalers 2,1; 337 Cinema Club.

When I first came to VMI I knew nothing about everything and I thought I would never make it. Well, now that I am almost through with VMI, I find that I have learned one very important thing. That one thing is that I never could have made it without the help of some very special people. The first people I would like to thank are my roommates, or should I say cellmates. Well whatever, I wish all of you my best. Uncle Al, all I can say is thanks for all the help. Coach Sherlock, Ben and everyone else on the wrestling team—Good Luck! Doc Monsour, thanks for all of your time and advice. Mom and Dad—what can I say? I finally made it! But I never could have done it without all of your love and support. I thank and love both of you very much for it! I hope I have made both of you proud! To the rest of my family, thank you also for all of your encouragement. To my Brother Rats, I thank you for some unforgettable times! I wish all of you the best and hope to see you at the reunions. To my dykes of '82, thanks for all of your guidance. I miss you Pete! To my dyke of '88, thanks for doing all of my housework! Tony hang in there, because it will be a very happy and rewarding time. I wish you the best of luck in your next three years!

In all of my four years here, I think this was by far my toughest assignment. I never thought this time would come, but here it is and, believe it or not, I am going to miss this place. Well, I guess I would like to end this with a saying that has become my nickname—"Oots." And just remember: "Tough Times Never Last, Tough People Do!"

Dykes 1982: Pete Piotrowski
Rats: Tony Panza

KENDAL ROBERT WALUS

"Whale-Ass, Walrus, Monk"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Rat 4; Cadre Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2,1; Dean's List 3,2,1; NAM 2,1; Ring Design Comm. 3; Rat Training Cadre 3,1; Karate Club 3; Distinguished Military Student 1; A.S.C.E. Project Comm. Chairman 1; A.S.C.E. Report Comm.; Last Surviving Member of the Monkhood.

These past four years have gone by faster than I ever imagined they would. I remember walking down that "LONG" flight of stairs in LeJuene Hall that very first day of Cadre and asking myself "What have I gotten myself into?" But I latched onto Kenny's shirt tail and DROVE ON.

VMI has provided me with many challenges and new experiences! It has given me an excellent chance to meet two very special people. I thank you very much Dave Caruso and Glenn Degrote for being my best friends. I love you both very much.

Kenny, you are the brother I never had. I look up to you in so many ways. I hope I have given you as much help and support as you have given me these past four years. I am confident that you will succeed in life and I hope and pray that I will do as well. We have been the best of friends for ten years and I know we will be the best of friends when we are old and grey. Thank you for everything—I love you very much.

My deepest love and appreciation goes to Mom, Dad and Kris. Without your love and support I would have had a terrible time getting through this place. I cannot begin to express my love for all of you. Mom, thank you for the shoulder to cry on and all the support you gave to me. Dad, if it weren't for all of those cartoons, food boxes and words of advice that you gave me, I don't think I would have survived.

Mom and Dad, I hope I made you proud of me

Dykes 1982: John Chadwick King
Rats: Dan Riley

TAB M. WARLITNER

"Uncle Fester, Asshole"
Covington, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cadet Battery 4; A.S.C.E. 4,3; A.S.M.E. 2,1; Rugby 3; Firefighters 1; Blow Co. 4,3,2; A.H. Gang; 3-D Court 3,2,1.

It's hard to believe that we're finally here. During the week of AUG 17, 1981, as we ran around in "Idiot Dyke," with no hair, the thought of being a First Classman was not even imaginable. Even though it was hard, we made it, and we've learned a lot along the way. During our Rat year I, as did many others, wanted to go home every day. I came here after being voted "Class Clown" of my H.S. class and many people said I would never last. They were wrong. I didn't do it alone. One of the first things we learned here was that we could not live here as individuals, but would have to pull together as Brother Rats, and we did. For that, I would like to thank my Brother Rats. I would especially like to thank my roommates and Sam for putting up with me and making VMI a lot more enjoyable. Thanks Sam for loaning me your ear. I also want to mention Mark, Glenn and Carlton (A.H. Gang) for making my time away from VMI fun. It wouldn't have been the same without you. Mostly I would like to thank my family: Mom, Dad, Todd and Tarie, but especially my parents. I think I have the best parents anywhere. Thanks for all of the trips you made over the mountain to bring me things. I hope I can be as patient and understanding with my kids as you've been with me. I just hope I can turn out to be like my childhood hero, my Dad. If I do, I will consider myself successful. I also hope to marry a woman who will do as much for me and my kids as my Mother has done for my family. To all those people to whom I owe so much, I would like to say thanks and I love you all. Tab Warlitner

P.S. Never get too serious about life. Remember, if you don't act a little crazy, you'll go insane.

Dykes 1982: Tracy Henderson
Rats: Ricky Luther









WILLIAM FRANK WARNOCK JR.

"Bill, Bob-Bill"
Maryville, Tennessee
Economics—Navy

Hop and Floor Comm. 4,3,2,1—Business Manager, President; Rugby 4; Marshall Awards 3; Cadet Assistant; Pvt 4,3,2,1; MBC Appreciation Society; Hatchmobile Auto Club.

The story of my life while at VMI: Hardships turn into lessons and good times turn into memories. Thank you for the support, parents, friends, and Madeline

Dykes 1982: Frank Horner
Rats: Sean Cantrell, Drew McKone



CHRISTOPHER SCOTT WELSH

"Bullet-head, Shank, Uba, 07"
Richmond, Virginia
Mechanical Engineering—Air Force

Honor Court 1; American Society of Mechanical Engineers President 2,1; Rugby 2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Op. Sgt. 1; Arnold Air Society 3,2 Deputy Commander 2; Band 4,3,2,1; Blue Whalers 2, 1.

"Greek, why did we do it? Foolish high school kids, I guess." A friend got me into this mess, and many new friends, who I learned to call Brother Rats, showed me that I "had what it takes" to finish what I had set out to do—become a "VMI Man." Now I am forced to answer the question that has remained unanswered for the past four years—"Yes, it's been worth it." But this victory I do not claim as my own, because I could not have done it without the love and support of my family, the boys in 140 (Jeff, Gutter-man, and Kelvin), the Blue Whalers, and many others who believed in me even when I didn't. I love you all; God bless you. Thanks also to Russ, for the truth in your words; our sacrifice has been our gain. Thanks also to "Hammie" (who is on the others side of the camera in the picture below)—for listening. And finally, To All Who Wear The Ring—GODSPEED.

If I accept the sunshine and warmth, I must also accept the thunder and the lightening.

—Kahlil Gibran

The better part of one's life consists of his friendships.

—Abraham Lincoln

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

—Philippians 4:13

Dykes 1982: Thomas E. Farmer, Mark "Dirtball" Durkin
Rats: Tom "Smiley" Bledsoe



MICHAEL FRANCIS WESOLOWSKI

"Ski"
Lighthouse Point, Florida
History—Army

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Softball 4; Pre Law Society 2,1; Young Republican 2,1; Airborne 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Sport Parachute Club Deans List 2; Brews Brothers (Kuipers) 3; Cadet Lt. 1.

Well it's finally coming to an end; my stay at VMI. It has bee a long and difficult journey and my cadetship has certainly ha its ups and downs. But I would never change it for the world It is hard to believe I am graduating. I will never forget RA year and never forget John Brown. I would never have made without the help of my family. My patient family had to endur numerous phone calls telling them how I wanted out of mothe "I." They were behind me one-hundred percent and for that will always be grateful. I am extremely fortunate to have such special family. I will always be grateful for the support of m Brother Rats; especially John, Mac, Chris, Ben, Tate wit Spanish and all the others in Tiger Echo who could make eve a military school fun. To all my Brother Rats and the ones tha left who I was fortunate to know—Thanks for all the fin memories.

Dykes 1982: Neal Fortney
Rats: Lew Sigmond









CARY STEPHEN WESTIN

"Wes, Weshead, Boo, Tin"
Minneapolis
English—Army

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Sgt. 2; Echo Company Commander 1; Ranger Plt 4,3,2; Dean's List 2; New Market Honor Guard Commander 2; Undercoffer Award 2; Chapter Member Club 11; Redfront Ranger 3,2; Undefeated Ultimate Team 2 Member T.C.F.C. 3.

Quite a bit can be said about a four year stay at V.M.I. There were many lessons to be learned, both good and bad. It has been constantly stated that the system builds character and molds men into fine leaders; is it really worthwhile? Excusing the triviality of some aspects of V.M.I., I really think that it has been a worthwhile experience. The quality of friends, discipline, honor, academic, and Institute pressure, but most of all, pride, are things that one could not possibly experience as a whole at a regular college. I thank the Lord for giving me an opportunity to come here for four years.

John, Chris, Bob, you were excellent roommates. We really did have a lot of memorable times together. One could not possibly ask for a better room than Club 11. Mom, Dad, your continual support and love is something that I will always cherish and remember. You have given me the optimism and determination to push forward through both success and failure. I love you very much and I hope that I have made you proud. Laurie, I am the luckiest guy in the world to have you as my fiancee. June 1st is right around the corner, and then we will share everything together. I love you.

John, you are my best friend and I will truly miss you. I hope that we always keep in touch. When I was down, you always found a way to lift my spirits. We laughed and cried together, making everything seem a little more bearable. Give your family my love, and . . . see ya at the wedding Whit.

Dykes 1982: Gary Jones
Rats: Doug Spitz, Phil Kay



DAVID GEORGE WHITE

"White Boy"
Keeling, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

American Society of Civil Engineers; Rugby Club; V.M.I. Fire Fighters; Library Assistant.

Now that the time for graduation has drawn near, the task of reflecting the past three years of V.M.I. experiences is suddenly difficult. V.M.I. reminds me of the many hours making that "sacrifice". But I also recall the many times when my ever close roommates and friends managed to find those loopholes in the system. As if it were only last weekend that we made a road trip to JMU. Hollins, or—yes—Radford. From being a rat to having a rat, V.M.I. has taught me to always look forward to a new day.

Through the past 3 years, I have become closer to my family than I ever considered possible. I can only hope that the future will keep us close because I owe them so much.

I look forward to the future when I can truly begin to enjoy an everchanging life. I hope to keep my close bonds of friendship with the greatest collection of guys even though they may be spread out over Conn., Penn., Va., N. Carolina and everywhere between. I will be glad to see the walls fade in the distance but, I hate to depart from friends.

Dave White

Dykes 1982: Gordy Hammock
Rat: Tom Ustach, Brian Barnes



JOHN THOMAS WHITTY JR.

"Whit, JT, Childless, Whithead, Trasher"
Wicomico Church, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Navy

Charter member "Club 11" 3,2,1. Redfront Ranger 3,2. BSU 4 Navigators 3,2; A.S.C.E. 4,3,2,1; Color Guard 2; D Co. Master Sgt. 1; Football 2; Water Polo 3; Ring Figure Band Comm. Chairman 2; Ranger Platoon 3,2; Undefeated Ultimate team 2. T.C.F.C. 85 3,2.

I took me a while to compile a series of thoughts which would ultimately depict the past four years of my life. The Virginia Military Institute is quite a unique experience. It instills in each cadet virtues and traits which differentiate him from his contemporaries and for that I am extremely proud. Many will never know what transpires behind these four historic walls, for VMI is not for everyone. When we, the class of 1985 matriculated in the summer of 1981 we were over four hundred strong. As the years progressed, many fell to the wayside, only to leave the system. What's left now is the backbone of our class. We will cross the stage in May together and finally, our once insurmountable mountain will be conquered. It just goes to show that here at VMI: only the strong survive. To my brother rats, I wish you all the best of everything in your future lives. You've paid your dues, now it's time to collect the dividends. You will always live on in my heart, and our memories together will never be forgotten. I love you all, Bob, Baldo, and Wes, you guys have been great roommates. Each one of you holds a special place in my heart. Together we all exemplified that never ending conception known as "Brother Rats". Mom, Dad and family: What can I say? Without you guys I never would have made it here. Your love, guidance, and understanding really piloted me through some rough seas. I love you with all my heart. Cary, I need not say too much because you know how I feel. Thank you Lord, Jesus Christ. You are the Lord of my life. With you by my side I will never fear. Farewell VMI, tomorrow is another day.

Dykes 1982: Les Rose
Rats: Grant "Gremlin" Kiehl













WILLIAM MICHAEL WIENERS

"Sybil, Wienie, Hot Dog, Husk"
Braintree, Massachusetts
Civil Engineering—Special Student

Football 4,3; Coach Harmison Fan Club; Number 1 Club D.F.C., S.P.'s, A.S.C.E.

I came, I saw, I tried and I'm still 12 hours behind!?

It's been a four year struggle that I will never forget. The good times will always be remembered while the bad ones fade away. I'll miss all the madmen who've made my cadetship bearable, especially my friends who are what VMI is all about! Later, Murph and Bubba, and thanks for being my friends while putting your life in danger for the past three (plus) years.

It seems a little premature to be talking about finally graduating with August and 42 hours so far off. After three years nothing short of Armaggeddon is gonna keep me from that beautiful piece of sheepskin. (well at least that's what I heard).

Well Mary and Al it's all-most over and without your help and patiences I would never have made it this far. I love ya and wouldn't trade you in for all the mega-bucks in Massachusetts.

Enough said: God willing! I'm outta here!!

North bound traffic-only!

The few, the proud, the Special Students!

When in doubt: PUNT! "Musta got lost"—J. Geils Band

"All my life my heart has sought a thing I cannot name" "Deeds not words"—Eisenhower

Dykes 1982: Larry Curtain
Rats: Kevin Warren, Scott Turlington

JAMES B. WILKINSON JR.

"Colonel, Judge, Jeb"
Richmond, Virginia
History—Navy

Survived 4, Pvt./Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2; Sgt. 1; Vice President Navigators; Alalea Festival 2,1; Member of boring room 290.

After four short years I have learned to call this place home and when I leave in May I will be homesick. Two valuable lessons which I've learned here: Your integrity is something which can't be compromised, and with God and good friends to help you, nothing can keep you from success.

To my dykes of room 156 and roommates throughout, I owe the world. You all have taught me a lot about life. God bless you all. Most of all I would like to thank my Dad. Whatever I become I owe it to you. And for VMI, "for the moment all discipline seems painful, later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."—Heb 12:11

P.S.—Hic hoc res hay hodiea.

Dykes 1982: William W. McCathern III
Rats: Steve Pearson

BARTON GEE WILLIAMS

"Bart, B.G., Bark"
Wilson, North Carolina
B.S. Biology—Army

Honor Court 2,1; President 1; Soccer 4,3,2,1; Phi Kappa Phi, Acad. Distinguished; Hubbard Scholarship; English Dept. Award; Paul Meyer Award; Killey Award; John Carmichael Award; Superior Cadet Award, William Brent Bell Award; DMS, Illegal Car Club 2; Bermuda Trip 1.

"How do you like it?" and "Why did you go?" I think if one more person asks me I'll scream. I love it yet hate it and I don't know why I ever came to VMI instead of Chapel Hill.

VMI defies all words that attempt to describe it—so I won't try. I just want to thank some of the people who made the long road a little smoother. To my parents—thanks for your support and encouragement. I have tried to make you proud and I love you both so very much. To my roomies in Rm. -21, your the greatest! To Doc Monsour, your advice and friendship made my life here bearable at unbearable times. A big thank you to all the people who helped me out 2nd class year. And finally to my Brother Rats who gave me the opportunity to serve on our Honor Court, I only hope I lived up to your expectations.

Looking back now, all the bad times get more and more difficult to remember and only the good remain. I would never go through it again but I must confess I am glad I did and it's all behind me now. It's kind of like that old line, "VMI is a terrible place to be but a great place to be from." Only a cadet can truly understand this. And we are finally on the better end of that '85!

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by
And that made all the difference."
Robert Frost

Dykes 1982: Will Council
Rats: Jim "Moo-Moo" Mumma

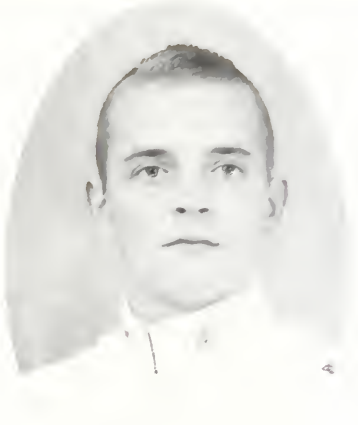












GREGORY ALAN WILLIAMS

"Cool Breeze Rat, Breezy, Slam-Dunk, Willi"
Hampton, Virginia
Civil Engineer—Special Student

Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; All-Pro 2; 69 Lovebroker 3,2,1; Project's Landlord 3,2,1; Private 3,2,1.

Thanks to God, for my mother's love. With her love I am everything, without... I'm nothing. Thank you Mother, thank you God, Covas, E.B., and Auntie Sylvia, thank you for your care, support, and encouragement. Your son also loves you.

Here I am, 3x7, and about to add one. The last four years I've been here trying to make a good time out of what's known as a bad situation for a substantial education. I feel I've learned a lot about myself and others, some bad, some good, and even some things I'll use in the real world. In general VMI has been one great uphill climb, with some very "butt-smashing" falls. There have always been a lot of folks (Pop, Ed, Kel, Cathy, Carla, Jeanette, etc.) behind me to keep me going, the bad thing about this whole deal, however, is if it were August 17, 1981 and I had the choice, I again would be signing my name to the great book which no Rat has ever read.

Spring trust me. You are your best friend and worst enemy—love always. Chief, Hotstuff, Cheeks, we've had some wild times. When you chicks get married send me an invite. If you don't I'll come anyway and squash the wedding cake.

Well Kevin, soon all this shall be over. Four years, plus summers, and we both stuck it out together. I'm not going to B.S. here or get soft—I just want to say thanks from one alumnus to another. Wash, save your money. West Coast look your best 'cause here we come. Wash and Willi on the CALIFORNIA roadtrip!!!

Dykes 1982: Darryl "Toad" Horne
Rats: Ray "Lunch" Lynch, Bob "Bullet-head" Harris

MARK W. WILLIAMS

"Willie, EZ, Fat Chuck"
Richmond, Virginia
Modern Languages—Army

Swimming 4,3,1; Hogs 2; Squallers 2,1; Co-Capt. Squallers 1; Number One Club Rastaman 2; Amityville Club 1; Batcave Club 1; 400 Club.

I was born and raised a Virginia Cavalier and it appeared to me that I would be going there until early August 1981 when I received a letter of deferral. I was accepted to VMI primarily because of my uncle Tommy Inge. I came to VMI only because of my inability to pursuade other schools in the state to accept me. But VMI has been a trip. The mental and physical training has made me more appreciative of the little things in life and has hopefully prepared me better for the "real world". Since my disastrous first two years at the "T", it's still a toss up if I'll get out of here on time, but if I do I wish to extend my sincere thanks to several people. Foremost, thank you Mom and Dad for the everlasting support and thanks "Pika", especially Robert Barnes, for helping me maintain my sanity. And thanks for the crew at both VMI and W&L because I never would have made it without y'all: Gerbil, Hawk, Sweet, Wese, DK, Bum, Stuart, Tayloe, George, Scotch, Hunty-Hunt, Butty-Butt, Turtleman, Thornton, Doc, Pelchit Head, Spence, Curty-Curt, Cubby, Linko, R.B., Dogbone Marsh, Lehman, Gevo, Maurie, Dego, and the list goes on. These guys are the real BR's. Good luck and God bless!!

Dykes 1982: Jeff Modiset
Rats: Ted Anderson

RICHARD R. WILLIAMS III

"Flea-Con, Dicky"
Natick, Massachusetts
English—Marine Corps

Pvt. 3; Cpl. 2; Lt. 4; RDC 4; English Society 3,4; SCSC [illegible]; Number 1 Club 2,3,4

Even though the Commandant told me that he thought I had a bad attitude about VMI, I think that he was wrong. Luckily, he gave me a chance to stay after I received my third Number One and I proved that I was worthy of a VMI diploma.

There is no way that I could take full credit for making it through four years of VMI though. Without your love, support, and money, I never would have made it. Mom and A.J., I love you both very much! I also owe thanks to all of my Brother Rats, and Whit and Willy. This place would have been unbearable without you all. And to Hook, I thank you for everything! I would have left if it wasn't for you.

While I may have been on confinement more than I was off, had a ton of demerits, and even lost my rank a few times, there is no way that I would trade this experience for anything. The bonds I made here are unbreakable and the good times unbeatable. I also learned more about life, and more importantly myself, than I ever thought possible in a four year span. VMI has allowed me to realize that no goal is unattainable, and I will carry that lesson with me as I enter the Marine Corps and any other venture that I may undertake.

"I'm gonna jump in a crater
See ya later!"
The B-52's

Dykes 1982: Harry T. Bitzberger
Rats: Mark Reilly













THOMAS SPENCER WILLIAMSON IV

"Spencer, Busy, Dick, Sonar"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Navy

ASCE; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Varsity Soccer 4,3,2, Co Captain 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Young Economist Investment Club; Dean's List, Cadet-Photo; No. 1 Club.

It's hard to believe that I am finally writing my first class history. To my surprise the past four years have flown by. I thought (being a fourth generation of my family to attend VMI) that I knew what I was getting into; I was wrong. From day one it has been an entirely different "ballgame" than I had anticipated. My VMI experience has taught me three things: to always strive for the top, when things are bad "suck it up" and keep going, and lastly to appreciate the little things in life.

Above all, I have made some of the best friends I will ever make. Without these GREAT friends I never would have made it, the "people" made the whole ordeal worthwhile. I would like to thank all the guys (you know who you are) that made my four years memorable. Most importantly I want to thank Mom, Dad, Pam, Pop-Pop, Grandmother and Grandfather, and AJ for their continuing support. I hope I've made you all proud! Todd, it has been great having you here the past two years. Good luck!

Dykes 1982: Paul Webb, Ed Daniel
Rats: Tommy Towers, Mark Wilson

MARK ALAN WINGER

"Hanger Head, Scooter, Styles Bitchly, Rocky"
Elyria, Ohio
Physics—Army

Karate Club 4,3,2,1; Commanders 4,3,2; Bugler 4,3,2,1; Room 147 Funk Associated—Commander of Funkified Footwork 4,3; Band Co. Disrespect Team 4,3,2,1; Randy Mac Let's Walk Home Club 1; SPS 4,3,2,1; PY or DIE 4,3,2,1; Chapter 13 Club; Pres. Mallory Hall Hit List 4,3,2,1.

As long as I live I'll always remember the expression on my parents' face as I said good-bye on matriculation day. My mom had the look of pain and fear as big as the butterflies in my stomach. My father, well . . . his was the look of "good luck son, I'm proud of you but don't you dare screw up." As the door slammed shut behind me, I felt instantly stripped of personality and past accomplishments. In the following few moments I became just another bald head in the mass. Now I have been allocated 1,736 spaces to sum up the past four of the most demanding years of my life. To the many men, who have been here before me I need only three letters. VMI. But, to those casual observers who have never experienced this universe I will elaborate. I guess my rat year was one of much attention. My name echoed throughout the mess hall as if I were the main dish. I did frequently get fried. My third class year was set to ease with the friendship of three of the greatest guys I know. Mike D., Whitny W., and Bob Z. Thanks always. Second class year equals Ring Figure, equals party, equals a month of recovery. My second and first class years gave me a new meaning to the word friendship. Here, I pay tribute to Kevin F., Greg W., and Bill Bowman. Those of who you count on one hand. Of course I will always be thankful to my family . . . my brother, Greg, and my sister, Heidi, and most of all to my parents. My mother is the sun which warms a cold heart and my father is the rock of integrity by which I have modeled my very soul. Keep in mind, this was only the good side. The most endearing quality of a VMI man is his ability to endure.

Dykes 1982: Dickie Moore
Rats: Sevren Maynard, Jimmy Weatherford

CEDRIC TERRY WINS

"Cornbread, Pops, Ced, Pops-Wins"
Hyattsville, Maryland
Economics—Army

Basketball 4,3,2,1; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Society for Young Economists 2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1.

Four years of this, what can I say? Thanks Mom and Dad for your love and encouragement through the last four years because without your support I couldn't have endured "THE BULL."

To "my boys", Chuck and Darren, we were different in a lot of ways but we had that certain chemistry and could understand each other, but not this place. Thanks for the late night confessions and putting up with my jokes. We knew who we were and never had to worry about playing a role. To the people I considered my friends, thanks I'm glad I met you: Big Mike Herndon, Thunderman, Moe, Geek Ross, Davis—don't take it so personally—Estes, Jim (Flex) and "Q" etc.

VMI—well thanks for challenging me academically. I can honestly say it was tough (In some dept. more than others) I know you didn't teach me to be a man, because that can't be taught, and even if you could I doubt I'd become your type of man. I think I've learned that I am a man because I could put up with your unique way of doing things. I think you can learn from any situation good (or Bad!); I've learned a lot.

Thanks Coach Sandy and Mrs. Sandy, Coach Cantafio and Coach Fletcher for being people I could trust and who helped me get through this.

Dykes 1982: Jerome Williams
Rats: Stephen Dorsey, Bobby Gardner









KYLE IVAR WINTER

"Monkey, Ape Man, Bamm-Bamm, Teenybopper"
Cornwall, New York
Chemistry, Navy

Dean's List 4,3; Debate Team 4,3, BSU 4, Chapel Choir 4,3,2,1; NROTC Pistol Team 4,3, Co-Captain 2,1; Rat Training Cadre 2, 1; No. 1 Club; Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; VIRGIN PRIVATE; Foreign Exchange Midshipman (Italian Navy); American Chemical Society 4; Cadet Assistant 1.

Yeah, a history. The diploma, ring, and BOMB portrait don't even scratch the surface. Where do they mention the jock raids, the drinking festivals (and getting caught), playing Stairway To Heaven backwards, the long nights wondering what two brain cells you can rub together to solve the Physical Chemistry problem that's due in 3 minutes. It's all very simple—nobody and nothing can ever describe it. People ask me what I've learned from VMI, and I think to myself about what I have unlearned. I ignore turnouts. I don't ignore God. Power may equal I-R, but it means never having to answer to others for your actions. Stonewall Jackson had a good quote that every VMI man has heard so often, but there's a better one—"Only those who attempt the absurd can achieve the impossible." Having come through VMI I can say I've done both. Time is like money—the better you manage it the more likely the government is going to use it for you. I can hear you now... "With that kind of optimism, how'd he last?" I had my family, God, Chaplain Caudill, prog rock, Rheingold Beer, and time on my side. I'd like to thank my Brother Rats for being real and putting up with my form of craziness, and two very special ladies: Kathy, for making the past worth looking back on and Dee, who makes the future worth looking forward to.

—PTL—

"If you don't believe in yourself, you're lost."
"If you don't believe in The Lord, you're dead."

Peace.

Dykes 1982: Bill "The Husk" Jennings
Rats: Chris Arvans



DANIEL MATTHEW WISNIEWSKI

"Wiz Ski"
Moscow, Pennsylvania
Electrical Engineering—Navy

Dean's List 3,2; Distinguished 3, Rat 4, Cpl 3; Pvt 2,1; IEEE 2,1; Illegal Car Club 4,3,2.

Danny, Danny, Danny! What can we say? A lot, so let's get started. We thought to ourselves when we first saw Fatstick, "Great, a Pole from Moscow. He probably wears red underwear." Well, we haven't seen any white ones yet! Well lad, rat year wasn't easy, especially for you and English. Oh, and don't ever forget Herman. But enough about Rat year already, let's visit Danny in Third Class year. The year the popcorn popper was introduced into 331, and the hot pot, and the coffee maker, and . . . You pleased a lot of hungry BR's, Danny. Enough about Third Class year naw, Huh!, C'mon, C'mon. Let's go to Ring figure, boy what fun! You and good 'ole J.D. really knew how to party. Do you remember? That's OK, we don't either. But let's not forget the "ghetto blaster." That was one helluva stereo system. If only it could have cooked our morning pop tarts, bacon, eggs (or did it?) Well lad, its been cold and now, after 3 years, we think we're ready for some warm nights with closed windows and operational radiators. Well Danny, as we approach the end of our cadetship, we'd like to say thanks for everything. Take care of yourself an' keep in touch. All we have left to say is "WAAA!!!"

Buckwheat

. . . for you have often heard that the greatest task is to learn the perfect model of the good, the use of which makes all just things and other such become useful and helpful.

Plato

Dykes 1982: Robert Clark
Rats: Richard Pitts



DAVID P. WOOD

"Splinter, Drift, Wo, Jim, Richard, Holtz"
Oregon, Ohio
Mechanical Engineering—Navy

Pvt 4,3,2,1, Cpl 3; Fencing Team 4,3,2, Captain 1; Abused Air Force 4,3; Moto Naval Flight 2,1; Color Guard 1, CWRT Sec-Treas 4,3, Cadet Battery 4,3,2; Guidon 2; Rotating Scholarship Club 3,2; Theatre Lighting Design 3,2,1, Acad. Extinguished 4,3; RAT Mandatory Study—CIC

In a time where all good things come to an end, this mixture of good, bad, and indifferent seems also to be closing more swiftly than once seemed possible. All manners of fellowship are to be found within these dreary walls that are now our home. Obviously I've found friends here that cannot be forgotten (or forgiven for some).

Gentlemen, to cease my haughty ramblings. I do not wish you luck, for you have it. I do not wish you will to do as you desire or the instinct for hard survival. You have all this and more from a better man than I. You, yourselves, and as a collective whole.

I go my own way, leaving you all the words of Chaucer:

"He never yet no villany said
In all his life, unto no manner wight.
He was a very parfit gentle knight."

Totis Viribus—With All One's Might. This describes Dave well. Never have I met so diversified an in-ga-neer. Steadfast and faithful, Dave will be a success at whatever course he undertakes.

CAS

Dave was the last of a long line of roommates. That he was able to fit in to our room says a lot for him. It was good to have another engineer to commiserate with. Best of luck to you in the fleet.

HEA

Dykes 1982: William Lindquist
Rats: Clifford Heathcote, Christopher Goff













TODD MORRIS WOOD JR

Richmond, Virginia
Economics—Navy

Promajt 4,3,2,1; Fencing 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 1; Cadet Pvt 4,3,2,1.

From the first day I have not been able to answer the question "Why did I come to V.M.I.?" Now, four years later I still cannot answer it, but I have never regretted my decision. My years here have been filled with mixed experiences, some good and some bad. I did not come here with any expectations and I'm leaving with no judgements. I hope I have learned something from my experiences here, but only time will tell. My time here at V.M.I. has been special to me; special in the same way a feeling tells me I made the right choice.

I would like to thank my family who have always been there for me if I needed them. To Phil, Stan and the friends I have made, THANKS for making V.M.I. bearable for me. Now most importantly, I want to thank Linda for her unwavering love that has seen me through all of my times here at V.M.I. I will never be able to repay you and I'll always be in your debt. I just hope my love in return offers some consolation, because I will always love you.

Dykes 1982: Richard Woolwine, Louis Rolan
Rats: Scott Griffin, Michael Humes

MICHAEL CARROLL WOOTEN

"Woo Woo, Tater Head"
Princeton, North Carolina
Economics—Army

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Monogram 4,3,2,1; Football Co-Captain 1; H.V. Shipley '21 Football Scholarship; Senator Garland Gray Memorial Football Scholarship.

"V.M.I."—Where's that? Thats the first thing I said when I was first introduced to the Institute by Coach Freeman. I've always dreamed of going to college on a football scholarship, but never thought I would face a challenge like this. I came to a place where I thought I had left friends and would have to do things as an individual. Boy, was I wrong! I met a challenge that no one could get through without having someone pushing and supporting all the time. The friendships I have made I will always cherish deep down inside. From the guys on the team to the guys in Rm. 121, John, Andy, Mick, and Bart, thanks for all the wild times we've had at the "I" and elsewhere. And I'm looking for many great times to come, thats what life is all about. Without these guys life at the "I" would have been so much of a drag. I would also like to thank the Lee's who were always so sincere, supportive, and helpful at my home away from home. The people I have to thank the most are my family. During seasons of good and bad you were always there making those long trips to see 4 quarters of a football game. You don't know how it makes me feel to see the family always there supporting me on and off the field. Well Mom and Dad the V.M.I. road has finally come to an end.

THANKS!

Dykes 1982: Joel Bodner
Rats: Chris Bunn, John Parrott

JOHN JOSEPH WRANEK III

"J.J., Toaster Head, T.H."
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering—Army

Boxing Team 4; Lacrosse Team 2,1; RDC Member 1; Corporal 3; Segreant 2; Battalion Sergeant Major 1; Color Guard 1; Ring Figure P.R. Committee, Circle K Club; Concrete Canoe 1; Blue Whaler 1; A.S.C.E. 4,3,2,1.

Many significant events in one's life are never fully appreciated until they are reflected upon. The few short years that I've spent here at V.M.I. are no exception.

Entering this Institute on that hot August afternoon, still sick from the night before, was a decision I had made on my own. My Rat year was one of fear and loneliness, yet when it was over, I had learned a great deal about myself. Being an upperclassmen helped me to grow, mature, and even have an occasional good time. My memories from the Hops, Zollman's, "Econo-Rack", M.B.C., Rhema Lake, Ring Figure, etc., will last a lifetime. Bonds of friendship were also established that would not soon be broken. Dave, "Mac", "Oots", W.G., and "Sponge", thanks for always being there when I needed you!

My most special thanks goes out to my family. Linda, Missy, and Patty, don't ever change, you're great!! Mom and Dad, I know I've had you worried more than once, but your constant love and support has been my very inspiration. I hope I've made you proud. Thank you also Grandmom, Granny, Bruce, Bobby, and Robert. I love all of you very much!

> For God alone my soul waits in silence;
> from him comes my salvation. He is my
> rock and my salvation, my fortress; I
> shall not be greatly moved.
>
> Psalm 62
> v.s. 1-2

Dykes 1982: Laron D. Shannon III
Rats: William B. Butler, Edward L. Evans Jr.













CHARLES WILLIAM WYDLER

"Bill-Bop, Beanhead"
Annandale, Virginia
Economics—Navy

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Hop and Floor Committee 3,2 (Business Manager), 1 (Treasurer); Sports Parachute Club 2,1; Cadet computer assistant 1; Room 110 Religion.

August 17, 1981. I first entered VMI, not knowing what was ahead of me. It has been a long hard road these past four years. Nothing has come easy, but now it all seems worth while. But all this would not have come about if not for a few people. I would like to thank my mother and her everlasting love, care, and devotion; which without my life would not have much meaning. To my older brother, Chris, whose guidance was always there, even though he never knew he was giving it. To my uncle who set me on this path. And to the two men I only wish I knew better, to my grandfather; may I someday reach the goals you did. And to my father, who I lost when I was one, may I reach the goals you expected of me and much more. Thanks for the support and love you have given me. I love you all.

To those I leave behind at VMI, work hard and don't give up. Someday you may find it was all worth while. Maybe!! GOOD LUCK

Dykes 1982: Jeff "Whirly Bird" Worley
Rats: Wayne Sinclair, Matt Martin

STEVEN B. WYNN

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Mechanical Engineering

Pvt. 4; Cp. 3; Sgt/Pvt. 2; E. Co. XO (Lt.) 1, Cadre 4,3,2,1; Cadet Assistant 3,1, Secretary ASME 2; Shamrock Marathon 4. Hop and Floor Comm. 4,3; Hog Cup Points Champion 3; Hook Lane Clubhouse 4,3,2,1.

I'm glad that I did it, but I wouldn't want to do it again

Marvin: Your undemanding and sincere friendship has been the biggest factor in my sticking it out when things got bad.

Jim: Hugs and kisses. I know that you don't want it to get around, but you really are a good guy.

Jerry: Fate works in mysterious ways. I'm glad that fate brought you into our pleasant abode.

I'll miss you all.

Dykes 1982: Allen Ewell
Rats: Dan Zaweski, Ray Dyer

RICHARD TATUM YOUNG

"Road Hog, Leg Breaker, Tater, Tate"
Falls Church, Virginia
History—Marine Corps

Chairman: College Republicans; Orienteering Club. Hog Football; Hog Messhall; Cpl 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 2, Lt. 1

This is usually a place for thank you's and this is no exception. For without these people I would have been either a vegetable or a fat lazy redneck by now. Everything that I know worth mentioning is owed to my parents. I would take every page in this publication to say everything that I want to thank them for. Mom and Dad, I love you. Ann, you are the greatest. Sorry about Busch Gardens. Wayne and Linda, I'll never forget you. You put up with more than your share of crap. You both deserve a vacation from the Hogs. I love you both. Chump and McClave, I don't know whether to thank you or kill you both for telling me about this place. You both made for a tough example to follow. Merrie and Joan, the only women who knew me and didn't slap me in the face. I love you both. All of you have turned a boy into a man.

Lord, if I live a day past 30, just give me a hound dog, a friend like the Hogs, and a woman like my mother.

Semper Fi and Coors to you all

Dykes 1982: Pat McClave
Rats: Steve Neary













DARYOUSH ZIAI

"Rex, Z, Z Man, Cuddy"
Tehran, Iran
Civil Engineering—Special Student

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Scuba Club 2,1; American Society Civil Engineers 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1.

And now, after six and a half eagerly awaited years, I am on my way home. In a very short time I will probably go through one of the most trying times of my life. I feel ready and prepared, and just hope that at the end, with God's help and guidance, I will emerge a proud winner.

Before I go, I wish to thank the many that I owe so much to. First and foremost my loving Parents who have truly sacrificed so much for their sons. I am proud to be your son and you have and shall make all my endeavors worthwhile. The Joneses for all their support and friendship at VMI. The Diehls, Johnsons, Morrises, and Wickens whose kindness I shall never forget. Finally my roommates who have been the greatest of friends. I hope to see all of you again someday.

"Once again the time has come to move on, and though I have learned and done much in the years past, there is so much more that must be learned and done."

Dykes 1982: Willie Funkhouser
Rats: Delany Williams, Oscar Williams

STEPHEN ANTHONY CHILL

"The Kid, Steve-O, The Freeze, Shaft"
Gaithersburg, Maryland
History—Marine Corps

Rat 4, Cadre Corporal 3; Private 2,1; Operations Specialist 2,1; VMI Boxing Team 3,2,1; Class Birthday Celebration 2,1; Knight of Malice 3,2,1; Family 2,1; VMI Firefighters 2,1; Egomanic 4,3, 2,1.

I was going to start this by saying that I've roomed with Stevo longer than with anyone else at VMI and it hasn't been easy. Well, that's not true, amazingly I mean, most people have to pay for entertainment like that! It has been unique, though, and I've learned some things. I've learned from Steve not to care what others think, to go ahead and do what you have to do. That has always been his attitude and he has always practiced what he preached. Steve has his own set of rules, and although they might be different from what is considered normal, he lives up to these self-standards. He's an egomaniac, he's psychotic, he's a good friend. But most of all, he's a man.

Stevo, fellow hockey champione and tolerator of Irishmen, thanks for the laughs and some good advice. Hang tough for the extra time, see you in the Green Machine. Steve: I really am sorry about the EWF tape.

—MF

Thank you family, dykes of 82, Mark, Tom, Big Dave, the Team, and the Big Dons of 85. A special thanks to Dad

—SS

It's all in the Bible. "Hey, VMI"... "POW"

Dykes 1982: Mark Shifflette
Rats: Jay "Shorty" Smaaladen

JOHN RANDOLPH DIXON

"JD, JR, Blur"
Bedford, Virginia
Electrical Engineering—Navy

Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2; Oper. Sgt. 1; Cadet Lt. 1; Dean's List 2,1; Acad. Dist. 1; Navy Scholarship 2,1; Naval Aviators 3,2, Pres. 1; Circle K Club 2,1; IEEE 4,3,2,1; Navigators 3,2,1; Rat Training 3; Head Cadet Waiter 1; Ring Figure Hotel Comm. 2; Pente Round Table

If intensity were alive and on two legs you'd probably name it John Dixon. Hailing from the backwoods of Bedford, Virginia, John came to VMI with a number of goals. Uppermost in his mind had to be his desire to become a pilot. I know he'll do it, and I'd be proud to be in the same cockpit. As a roommate, friend, and brother rat, I know John would do anything for anyone and expect nothing in return. But for those of you who find that there is something you can do better than him, you'd better look alive, JR won't be out done, and he'll catch you, wait and see. Good luck to you Intensity, there is not a man in '85 that won't miss you.

TSG

To Chuck, Tom, Stony, Shawn, Gerry, room 137, and barracks neighbors, you are all very special friends each in your own way. Thank you for all the advice, support, and good times you gave me. Good luck to all of you down the road.

Mom, Dad, and Sis, thank you for all the love and support. I have learned much from you. I never would have made it through here without you. I love you all.

"If God is for us, who can be against us"
Romans 8:31

God Bless All.
JRD

Dykes 1982: Jim Thrasher
Rats: The Mass









KRISTAN DALE PFEFFERKORN

"Pfeff, Bannana Monster, Chris' Pet Ape"
Everywhere, U.S.A.
Biology-Air Force

Cade Waiter 2,1,0; Promaji Club 1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1,0; Rat Training 3, Football Permit Rider 2; Track 0; Wimpbuster 0; Concourse Dweller 0; One of the last five members of the Class of 1983.

VMI, why did I ever come here? I've had alot of bad times, and a few good times, but those good times are the best times I could have ever had in my life. One thing VMI does give you is true friends. I know that I have made friends here that will last me a lifetime. Dave Ronneberg, thanks for putting up with me for two years. Chris Davidson, Pete Marsenison, and Curtis Hinton, we are the wimpbusters! I love you guys! Boy did we have fun terrorizing the concourse and the weightroom. Remember our great parties we put on and Scott Horan's bachelor party. Remember the raid for the Tech football and how two of you didn't make it. I'll never forget you guys. See you in jail someday. Mom and Dad, all this couldn't have been possible without your love and support. Thank you for being there whenever I needed you. I love you both very much. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, thank you for all you've done for me, I won't forget it. Alice, without you I couldn't have finished here. I never thought I would fall in love with a cheerleader from Southern Sem, but I did. We've been together for a long time and always will be. Thank you for understanding me, and always being there. I love you. Fritz, good luck with football and bodybuilding. You have a lot of potential. Besides being a good dyke, you were a good friend and like a brother to me. Guys, take the bullseye off my dog and my mom off the roof, leave our cats alone and cheeze Lurch. Uncle Al, where are you hoddy?

Dykes 1980: Bob Boyer
Rats: Fritz "Grossburger" Braunlich '87



KEVIN JOSEPH FIMIAN

"Cubby"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History-Army

Pvt 4,3,1; West Coast Surf 2; Monogram Club 4,3,1; RBC 4, Soc. of Young Economists 3; VMI Drama 3; Football 4,3; Wrestling 4, 3, Conference Tournament 4; Track 3, State and Conf. Championships, Javelin; Stay Tuned

I came to VMI in August of 1981 as a high energy, intense, and psyched young man without the slightest idea of what I was getting myself into. If matriculating with a mohawk didn't put an end to my low profile, then getting nailed in the Beta House that first Saturday night did. As a rat, I was fortunate to have had so many upperclassmen take such an interest in my development as a cadet. If not for these individuals I may not have become as adamant on being graduated a VMI man. Thanks to the decision makers, I was allowed to return after my sabbatical on the West Coast, second class year. This experience gained for me a greater appreciation of what VMI has to offer, and what it all means to me. There have been many good times. What a great group of guys to have shared "the experience" with. Beginning with D-Dog Delta's RBC parties for BRF's, to our pep-rally rampages and confinement punch parties.

From the habitual frat calls to our stick sprints back. Hawk, Willi, Pulley, thanks for the mega tune checks and shoulders home. Murph, Clyde, Olen, Curtis, this place just aint the same. Hey Ike, thanks for the ride. Moon, Floyd, Tro, JC, the best dykes a rat like me could ask for! R.B. and the crew at Pika . . . what can we say? Special thanks to J.A. Hagan and Vincent Thomas for getting me here, and thanks to my class, the class of '85 for their support. Shawn, I owe you a big one!!! Finally, thank you Mom and Dad and all of my brothers and sisters for their love, prayers, guidance, and support throughout these past five years. I hope that's all it takes! SALUD!

Dykes 1982: Mike Giminski
RATS: The Mass





THE CLASS OF 1986

The Class of 1986 returned to the rigors of the VMI system in August of 1984 with the usual groans and moans about once again putting our noses to the proverbial grindstone. When we arrived we immediately noticed a few pleasant differences. The climb from ground level to our rooms had been reduced due to our new position on the 2nd stoop. It was also nice to be able to turn our heads and talk in ranks, and have G.P. during our free afternoon class periods.

This year had been looked forward to by all of us for many reasons, but one stood above the rest: RING FIGURE! That glorious occasion, when we would all receive a beautifully impressive symbol of our common bond as a class, and have one hell of a party in the process.

Thoughts of Ring Figure filled our heads like those of young children thinking of Christmas. On many occasions these reflections aided us in thwarting anxiety over our academics, as well as helping us to live under the strict "rules of the game" here at VMI.

With Ring Figure came the realization that we had reached yet another "rung on the ladder of achievement," and were approaching the next: our first class year. We observed the first class, attempting to learn from both their mistakes and successes, in order that we might be better prepared for running barracks.

Very much alive, well, and ready to meet these challanges, the Class of 1986 continued on in its "VMI experience."

Dave Moore—'86





Dave Spears, President (Center) Tim Keilty, Vice President (Left) Dave Moore, Historian (Right)




WILL BE
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PRAECITO









THOMAS STUART BUCKLEY
"Boots"
Silver Spring, Maryland
Spanish—Special Student

Mink 5.4. Echo private 3,2,1. Tanker Platoon 2; BOMB Staff 1; Academically Distinguished 1.

After doing time at VMI, yu will readily see that the Institute's goal of "instilling respect for authority" is dubious, because it is not authority per se but the man who exercises it who may or may not be worthy of respect. There is nothing as effective as the granting of authority for exposing a man's true mettle—and the Edsels will out.

Given that I will walk across the stage at graduation, an '86 ring on one hand and that genuine sheep's hide in the other, I can safely say that this is the best possible ending to the insanity of the preceeding years. I will summarize the closing credits by saying that I will never forget the many to whom I owe gratitude, those to whom I owe apologies and can never make it up to, and the five whom I would bludgeon mercilessly with a blunt instrument if I could get away with it. —TSB

Ignore the above—it is only the posings of a young man thumbing his note at "The Establishment." Seriously, what can one write about someone who has been a friend, except for that nasty habit of yours, Tom. Other than that, I've had a good time. Discussions about God or the lack thereof; the third stage of empire; and joining the French Foreign Legion. Tom, being a special student has its advantages, if the Army is too blind to see what it is losing, there is always someone out there who can use your many talents (like the guy down the street who owns the bait shop). —MPE

Hey, Tom, put the shades up, it's a pretty day. —RML

Dykes 1983: Kevin Caulfield
1988: Tim Hooper—Ring Figure

KEITH ALEXANDER BYRON
"Lord"
Shepherdstown, West Virginia
Civil Engineering—Navy

Cpl 2; Sgt 1; NROTC Scholarship 3,2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; Cadet Computer Assistant 1; Varsity Lacrosse 3,2,1; Monogram Club 2,1; West Virginia Club 2,1; Orienteering Team 3,2, Treasurer 1; Glee Club 3,2; Ghetto 3,2,1; WMC 1.

It is funny how a change in circumstances alter the way we attain our goals. After graduating from high school, my goal was to obtain a commission in the U.S. Navy by way of the Naval Academy. After faltering at Annapolis, I entered V.M.I. Needless to say, I was in for a rude awakening at the "I", even with all of the experience (?) I previously had gained. I will always treasure the many fond experiences that have offset the rough times here, i.e. Breakout, lacrosse games, and Ring Figure. Upon graduating, I will have attained my first goal—a commission. More importantly, however, I will have reached it through the "VMI Experience."

One of the most cherished things VMI has given me is many friendships. I am indebted to both the Civil Engineering Department's Faculty and the NROTC's Staff for their constant guidance and occasional kick in the . To my roommates during the past three years: Bob, Kenny, Mike, Phil, David, and Chris, thanks for putting up with me, good luck next year. To Hammond, I wish you all the best of luck. A great deal of encouragement has come from my family and relatives, to whom I am grateful. Finally, to my Mother and Father, without whose undying support and understanding, during the past few years, I would not have made it. I love you.

Dykes 1983: Gary Dronen
1988: Hammond Urner

JON TIMOTHY FERBER
Basking Ridge, New Jersey
Economics—Army

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Cadre 3,2; Boxing Club 4,3; Investment Club 2; Young Economists.

I would like to use this space in order to express my many thanks to all of those, both family and friends, who have provided support and counseling to me, prior to, and throughout my experience here at V.M.I. I wish the best of luck to my friends in the class of 1986.

Dykes 1983: C.M.A. Rogers IV









SHELDON D. JOHNSON
"Jersey"
Newport-News, Virginia
Mechanical Engineer—Special Student

Track-Rat, 3rd, 2nd Class Year; Recipient Colonel H.M. "Son" Read '16 Trophy; Track All American

'd like to thank my family and friends for all the encouragement and support. Special thanks goes to my dykes, Russell, Calvin, Sandy, and Johnnie Ditt. The only way I can describe my cadetship is by saying that it was a state of shock. Also I'd like to believe the proverb: "A bird in the hand is better than wo in the bush." Mrs. J thanks for everything and I'll always ove you honey.

And for Coach Williams, Coach Virgets, and Capt. Rector; I'm till the man, they don't like me anymore. I don't know if I hould say thanks for tolerating me or if you should say thanks or tolerating you

One of the most important people of all, concerning my cadetship, Coach Nuttycombe, thanks a million for your guidance, eadership, and teachings.

Dykes 1983: Russell C. Rosedale "Pops"
1988: Jeff Dixon



FRANKLIN DELANO LADSON
"Haji"
Beaufort, South Carolina
History—Air Force

Varsity Football; Track; Monogram Club; Promaji Club

Coming to VMI for me has been to say the least an eye opening experience. There are several things that I have liked and others that I have not liked, but since I'm leaving I will only comment on the positive things. First I have learned quite a bit about myself, my capabilities and my faults. I have tried to enhance my abilities and have tried to dispose of my faults. Secondly the thing I like most about the "I" is the many friendships I have made, and which I hope to continue throughout the course of my life. I'll never forget the great times I have spent with my roommates; David Tyler, Mike Necessary and Ambrose Phillips. Also the wild times I spent with Terry Thompson and Mike Huffman are unforgettable. Mike, always remember Hilton Head, S.C. Next I would like to thank the two most important people in my life, my parents. For without their love and understanding my success at VMI would not have been possible. For that Mom and Dad I love you more than you will ever know. Kathy, with whom I spent three years of my life, I thank very dearly. You were the light at the end of the tunnel. Although our lives might be moving in different directions, the times we have spent together were the best of my life. To my friends graduating I wish the best of luck in all of your future endeavors, and to those of you not as lucky, hang in there, you'll be there soon. Last but not least, to my dyke, Tim White; hang in there, your day will come. To the "I" all I have to say is "Bye!!!".
Always remember: "The failure to achieve is more often thwarted by the failure to attempt than the failure to excel."

Dykes 1983: Melvin Rucker
1988: Tim White



PAUL WILLIAM PRESSLER
"P2"
McComb, Mississippi
Civil Engineering—Army, Engineers

Private 3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 1; Army ROTC Scholarship 3,2,1. The Chowder Society 2,1.

This final year is definitely my best. Having a car and being able to cruise to the girls' schools or wherever on the weekend has made a big difference. My other years at VMI, I just sat around wishing I had a car.

Right now I can't say these were the best years of my life because of the frustration VMI is responsible for in me. But people keep telling me "After you graduate you'll be proud you went to VMI." I'm sure that it's true.

Of course I must thank my parents for their encouragement and support. When it looked impossible they told me to "hang in there."

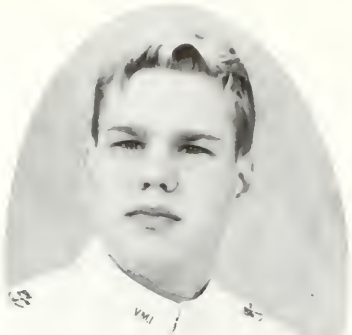
Dykes 1983: Mike Dieter
1988: Glenn Hall













ROBERT GREGG RAINER
"Mugsey"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology

Wrestling 4,3,2; Wrestling Captain 3; Wrestling Asst. Coach 2; Monogram Club 4,3,2; Corporal 3; "Club 246" 2; Rat Daddy 3,2; Chauffeur for Club 246 2.

After 4½ years of college I thought I would have come upon some profound revelation that would unlock the door to my future; unfortunately this has not happened. VMI has been quite an experience for me. The ratline gave me volumes of memories; most of which are humorous. (Builds character?) My third class year was tough academically, but at least no ratline. This year has been great! Going out every weekend, having 4 good roomies, and taking 19½ hours AND getting better grades is the way it should be at VMI. Thanks Craig, Dave, Kenny, and Mike-man!

Wrestlilng has been very good to me (except for destroying my grades and body). I have learned many lessons and met many people. Thanks Coach, for your support in all aspects of my life. You can count on a lifetime of support of the wrestling team from me. It's always good to have someone to pour your troubles out on, and I'm lucky to have had a few. Ash and Craig, thanks for being there when I needed you. I'll always listen to your problems if you need me. Mom and Dad, y'all are the best! Thanks for everything. I love you. The best parts of my cadetship were/will be breakout, wrestling, weekends, road trips, good roomies, and Ring Figure followed QUICKLY by graduation. The lowest point of my cadetship was the loss of my roommate and our BR, Meade.

Finally, Brother Rats, I have become very close to some of you and I am saddened we are parting. Have a great First Class year and a good ratline. I'll see y'all at graduation in 1986!!

Dykes 1983: Chris K. Caudill
1988: Bobby Zoske

ARTHUR EUGENE RYAN, JR.
"Art, Rye"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics—Army, Infantry

AAS 4; AUSA 3,2; S-5 Tour Guides 3,2; BOMB Staff Asst. Photo Ed. 3; Cadet Ushers 3; society of Young Economists 3,2; Econ. Tutors 3; Newman Club 4, VP 3,2; Pre-Law Soc. 4,2; Ring Figure Magazine '86 Business Mgr. 2; Alcohol & Drug Comm. 2; Cadre 2; Oxford 2.

When I left W&M, I left a lot of fun, superficiality, and anguish behind. I'd made a mistake—W&M wasn't for me. When I came to VMI, I found anguish again, but of a productive sort, for coupled with it was the substantiality of pride, confidence, comraderie, success, and even fun. I found the place for me. From this view of having gone to both a "real college" and VMI, I can see that the "VMI System" does work, if you let it. Sure we miss a lot here, but success is found in effort; I hope I've succeeded because I've tried to take part in what VMI has to offer. VMI is here to serve you in and out of the classroom, so let it. Mom and Dad, you knew I'd end up at VMI, but I didn't listen before. You've supported me and were there to help me. The failures are mine; the successes are ours. I hope I've made you proud. I love you. Col. Claiborn has been my advisor, guide, and father-figure academically at VMI. Thanks for always being concerned. Kath & Scott, you've shown me what I can get after VMI. I can't wait! Kath, thanks for being my confidant; Scott, I thank you for a different view of VMI. To those who've been my closest friends, especially Lou & Rich, we've shared much in such a short time. I'll never forget you. You guys are the best friends I'll ever have. Stay close. To all of 1986, come May '86, I'll be in the stands cheering the loudest! Finally, Beth, you've shared my joy and sorrow, and have been there when I needed you. There'll be much more for us to share. For all of this and more, I love you. Farewell.

Dykes 1983: Bruce Thomas, Mike Reed, Kyle Ellis

DAVID GARDINER TYLER
"Wolf"
Accomac, Virginia
Physics—Navy

Baseball; Football; Monogram

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."
Winston Churchill

Dykes 1983: Richie Seymore
1988: Jason Dudjak









WAYNE SCOTT WILSON
Richmond, Virginia
English—Army

Dean's list; Virginia Program at Oxford; Pre-Law Society; English Society; Ring Figure Committee; Number One Club; Football; The MBC Index; Private 3,2,1.

Trying to write this class history has become extremely tedious, and for the potential reader I can assume the final product would only be monotonous and boring. Therefore, I would like to show my gratitude to a few people and then close.

Mom and Dad, without your time and assistance I would not have made it through here. Robin and Randy, thanks for the emergency funds and a place to stay on my road trips to UVA. Dr. Davis, thank you for your recommendations and your support—the trip to England was easily the greatest experience of my cadetship. Max, Big Al, and Howie it has definitely been an interesting year, and hopefully you can make it without me. Finally, Brent I hope you do not hold any grudges for my recommending the "I", but in two years you will be on your way out also. Good Luck!

Dykes 1983: "Big Al" Toler



With Lacrosse practice minutes away, Tim Spivey prepares himself for drills in the hot sun.

When visiting VMI, the girls from local schools often enjoy the company of cadets; in this case John Kiefer.







SOG Chris Poage changes the Sentinel as part of his many chores.

Helping the RDC, and getting rid of his penalty tours, Wayne Fuller insures that this Rat walks the ratline properly.



David Earl Adams, II
Latrobe, PA
Darryl Floyd Agee
Salem
James Stuart Agostini
Alexandria
Frederick Ronald Albrecht
Annapolis, MD
Bryan Edward Amsel
Westminster, MD

John Matthew Anderson
Alexandria
Steven King Anderson
Falls Church
William Warner Anderson
Chambersburg, PA
Timothy John Armstrong
Louisville, KY
Christopher Sean Ashworth
Richmond

John Frederick Ax
Lexington
Jonathan Eric Aycock
Alexandria
Matthew Edmund Baker
Westlake, OH
James Churchill Ball
Alexandria
William Miner Barber
Walden, NY





After intramurals, John Kiefer makes his way along the second stoop towards a nice, long shower.





Stewart Lee Barnes
Roanoke
Christopher Wayne Bass
South Boston
David Alan Benhoff
Prospect
James Van Allen Bickford, IV
Norfolk
Marcus Charles Black, Jr.
Fayetteville, NC

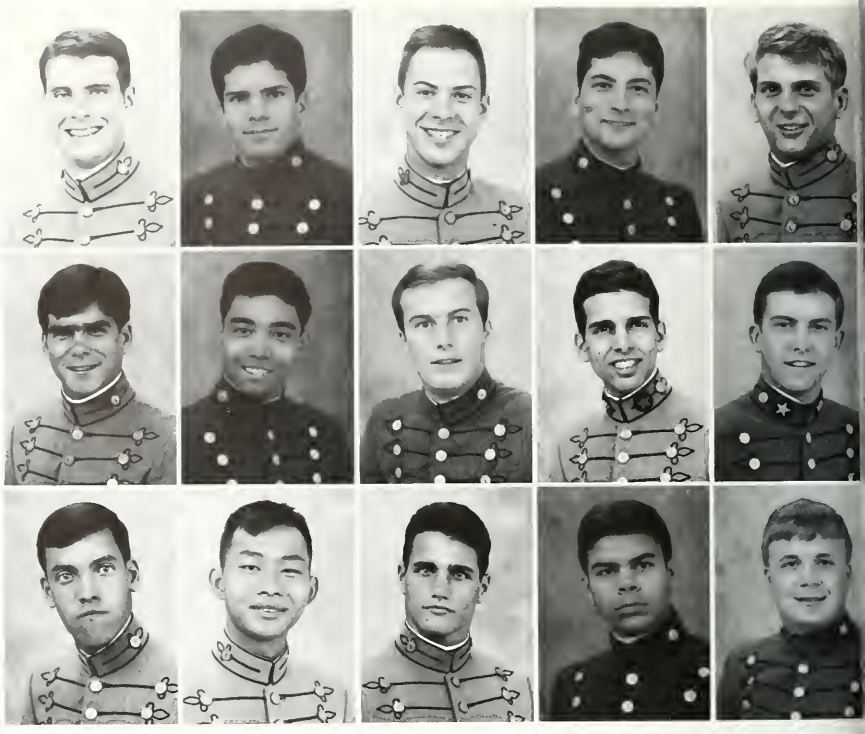
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Virginia Beach
James Paul Breckenridge
Cedarville, OH
Douglas Walter Brennan
West Palm Beach, FL
Anthony Jerome Brown
Richmond
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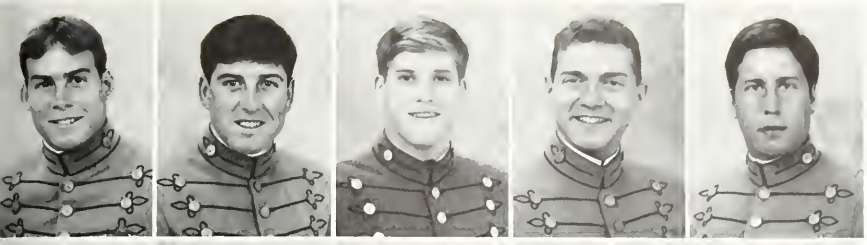
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Vincent Daquial Carag, Jr.
Grand Island, NB
Kerry Thomas Cassell
Glade Hill
Michael Raymond Castaldi
Bel Air, MD
James Richard Chambers
Atlanta, GA

Michael David Chapman
Littleton, CO
Benjamin Ping Chen
Placentia, CA
John Bradley Chesson
Columbia, MD
Byron Lee Childress
Manquin
Michael Alan Chipley
Frederick, MD



Penalty Tours, a common sight this year, are led by Terrence McCartney in front of barracks.

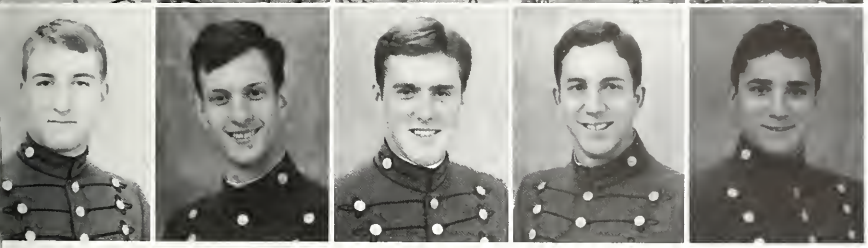




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Richmond
James Alvin Comer
Roanoke
Charles Bryant Cook
Powhatan
Michael Allen Corwin
Newport News



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McKees Rock, PA
Andre John Creel
Westmount, Quebec, Canada
Brian Edward Crowson
Suffolk
James Michael Daly
Arlington
Patrick John D'Antonio
Moscow, PA



Thomas Edward Darby, III
Poquoson
Michael William Davis
Alexandria
Joseph Scott Dekeyrel
Newport News
Charles Anthony Depasquale
Vienna
Thomas Peter Devenoge
McClean





A sleepy-eyed Dion Scaglione enjoys some much needed "rack time."



Taking advantage of his free afternoon, Chris Kolditz catches up on his studies.

Opening Hops finds Paul Burch and his date enjoying the lively atmosphere that marks these occasions at VMI.

A motivated Jeff Morgan puts some polish to his boots in preparation for Morning Inspection.

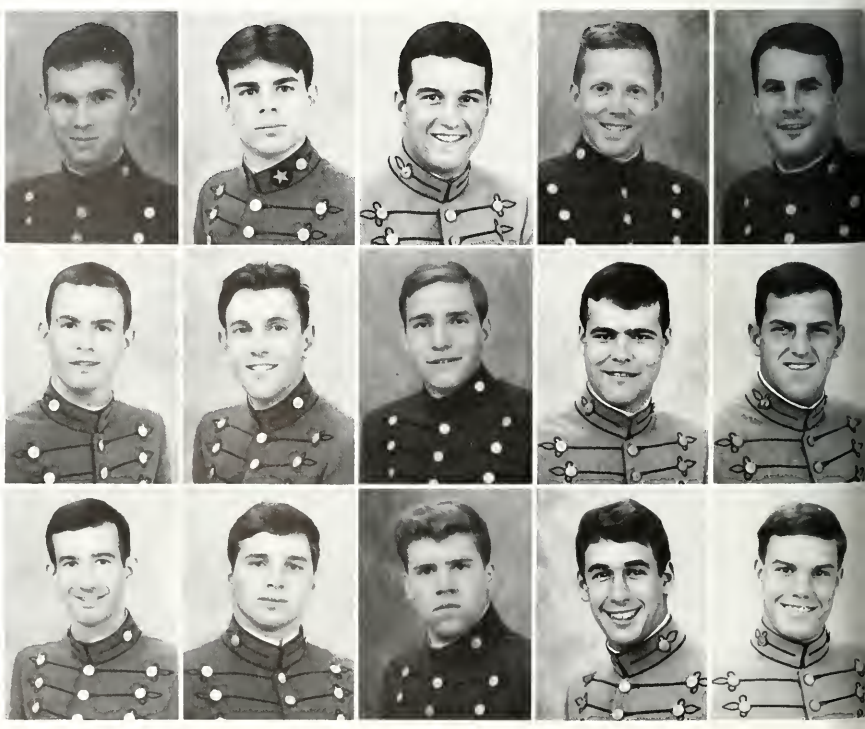




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Vinton
James Earl Dickenson
Richmond
Scott Alden Diehl
Muncy, PA
James Timothy Dillon
Ledyard, CT
Samuel Hardy Duerson, III
Raleigh, NC

Mark Reid Ellington
Montreat, NC
Michael Patrick Ellis
Springfield
Otmer Gay Elmore, Jr.
South Charleston, WV
Patrick William Farrell
McClean
Thomas James Fitzpatrick
Fairfax

Louis Anthony Florio, Jr.
Yarmouth, MA
James Allen Frazier
Washington, PA
Ralph Adelbert Frye, III
Beaver, PA
Gerald Wayne Fuller, Jr.
Crewe
Calvin Breading Furlow
Arlington





Leaning out on the second stoop rail, Patrick D'Antonio and Jon Moody enjoy the spectacle of a Thursday night Pep Rally.





Emmet Stone Gathright
Afton
Patrick McGuire Gill
Virginia Beach
Carl Leigh Gitchell
Hampton
Robert Scott Gitchell
Hampton
Steven Gilbert Gray
Richmond

David Kidd Grimm
Williamsburg
Ernest Michael Grochowski, Jr.
Sarasota, FL
Stephen Paul Grzeszczak, III
Bayonne, NJ
John Thomas Hairr, II
Fayetteville, NC
Stephen Francis Hall
Midlothian

Scott Robert Harbula
West Mifflin, PA
James Thomas Harcarik, III
Mechanicsburg, PA
Lawrence Dean Harrington
Fredricksburg
Craig Dyer Harris
Marietta, GA
John Stanley Hart, Jr.
Hanover

Samuel White Hayes
McKenney
William Brett Hayes
Hampton
Kurt Ernest Hedberg
Pound Ridge, NY
Stuart Newland Heishman
Woodstock
Troy Vincent Heskett
Leesburg

Robert Walter Hess, Jr.
Fairfax
John Marcus Hicks
Great Falls
Richard George Hill, IV
Waynesboro
Scot Patrick Hillier
Fairfax
Anthony Douglas Hirtz
Lynchburg

Samuel Andrew Holmes
Oxford, PA
Philip Roper Howard
Petersburg
Robert Clinton Hubbard, Jr.
Covington
Michael Conway Huffman
Midlothian
Scott Carleton Hunter
New Cumberland, PA



Sharing some "Brother Rat spirit," Tim Young and Bruce Tolley help each other study.

Taking it easy at Goshen comes naturally to Bobby Rainer.



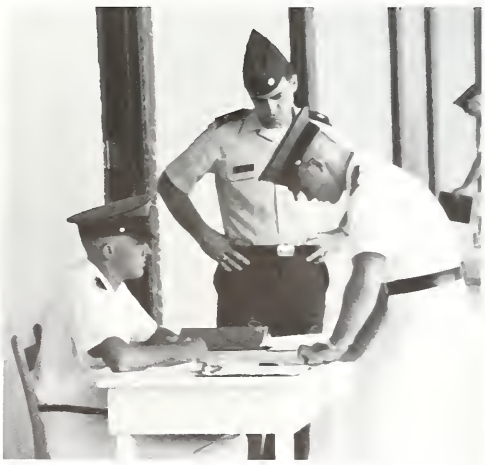


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Paul Francis Jarvis
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Anthony Thomas Jasinski
Erie, PA

Ronald Orest Jaworowski
Alexandria
James Michael Jenkins
Fairport, NY
Robert Evan Johnson
Alexandria
Lawrence Stephone Jones
Ashland
Christopher Kanter
Norfolk

Michael James Karabasz
Holland, MI
Thomas Joseph Kardos
Stamford, CT
Timothy Michael Keilty
Vienna
Dale Kennedy
Suffolk
John Francis Kiefer
Richmond





Assisting with Cadre, Cliff Tinsley sits at the H Co. table waiting for the new Rats to arrive.

Using his leadership abilities to the utmost, John Pitcock acts as "SOG-for-a-day."

Acting as the second stoop package inspector, Jim Urie checks this Rat's cargo.

Exhausted from his hard intramural workout, "Stew" Barnes tries to avoid falling off the second stoop into Jackson Arch.

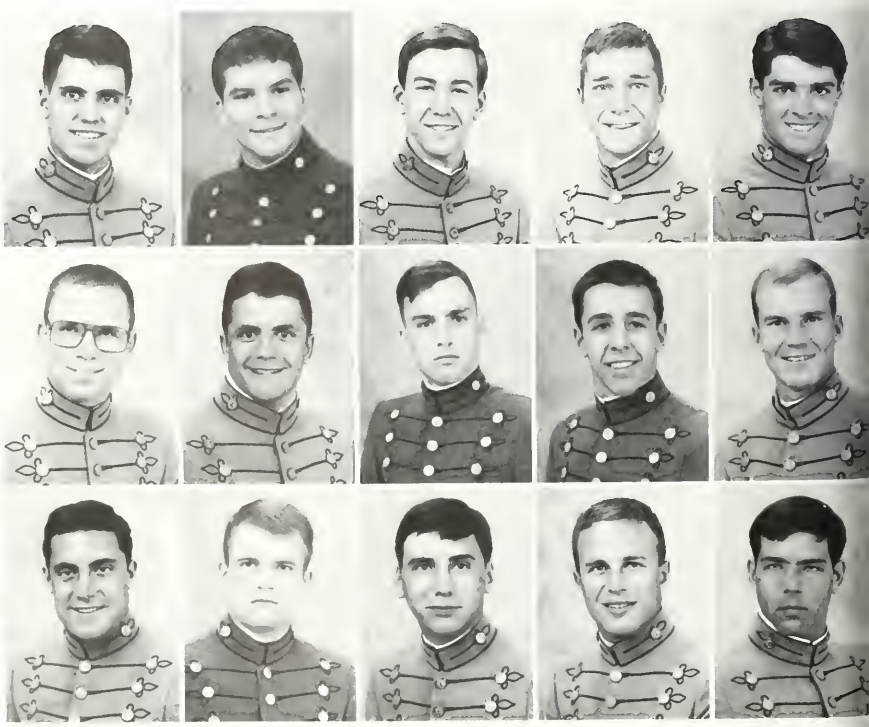




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Houston, TX
William Karl Kuhrman
Vienna
Cyrus Scott Kump, II
Newport News

Michael Richard Laban
Zimbabwe, Africa
James Rene LaForest, Jr.
Arlington
Richard Viktor LaHue
Fairfax
Michael Leslie Lakos
Waleska, GA
Troy Vernon Lanier
Waianae, HI

Robert Henry LaRosa
Springfield
Mark Alan Laughon
Bedford
William Alan Leatherwood
Farmville
Gerald George Leffers, Jr.
Rustburg
Rumsey Joseph Smithson Light, III
Aldie



Wearing that "all-night" look, Paul "Smurf" Simroth plods away at his work.





Tsu-Kuang Liu
Washington, DC
Kent Andrew Long
Annandale
Raymond Matthew Longabaugh
Clinton, MS
Adam Andrew Loveless
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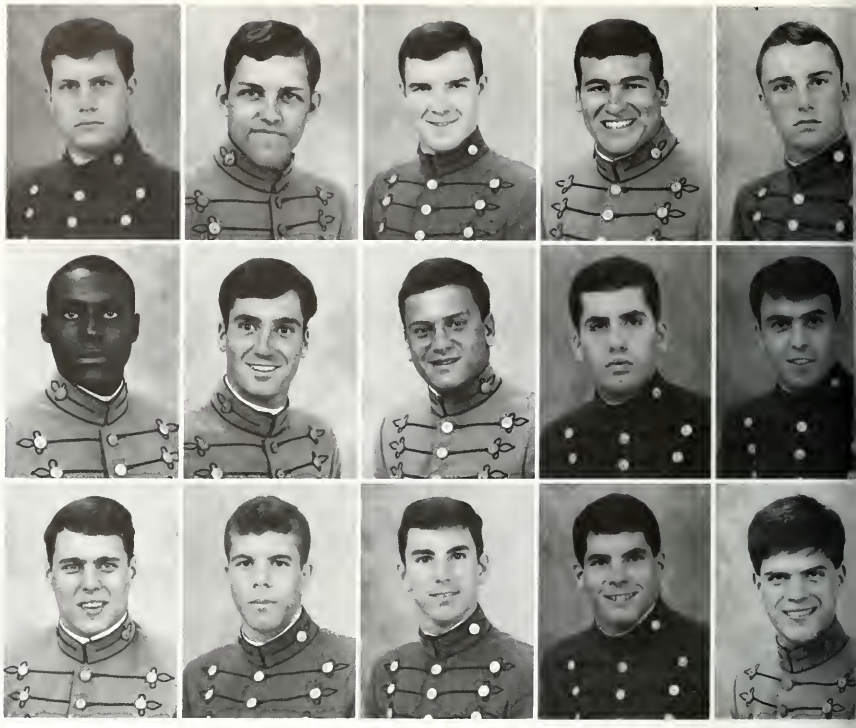
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Wayne Leslie Mason
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New York, NY

Ronald O'Connor Mays, Jr.
Buena Vista
James Patrick McCabe
Reston
David Joseph McCarthy
Watertown, NY
Thomas Daniel McCarthy
Deptford, NJ
Terrence Eugene McCartney
Grafton

Joseph August McCloskey, IV
Fayetteville, NC
John Edward McConnell
Fairfax
Todd William McCullough
Lexington
James Augustus McDonald, III
Sterling
Thomas Daren McGinnis
Dumfries

Thomas Enrique McHugh, Jr.
Takoma Park, MD
James Keith McKenzie
Culpeper
James Gordon McKinley, III
Richmond
Robert Brent McManis
Bedford
Robert Carey Meador
Lexington

Scott Crissman Miles
Hopewell
Albert Bernard Miller
Dover, DE
David Albert Miller, III
Waynesboro
Daniel Patrick Monahan
Fairfax
Jonathan Turner Moody
Richmond





Down in the barrack's study room for late study, Tom Devenoge wades through the steam tables in his "Thermo" book.

Awaiting 10-minute call for 5th CP, Dave Miller and Chris Poage pass the time posing for our camera.





David Carter Moore
Lynchburg
Marc Duane Moquin
Wythville
Max Conrad Morehead, Jr.
Suffolk
Eric Dean Morehouse
Berwyn, PA
Martrin Jeffrey Morgan
Richmond

Jonathan Bruce Morrison
Mineral Wells, WV
Vince Alan Morton
Stella, NC
Michael Charles Munson
Woodstock
Michael Eugene Necessary
Ashland
Peter Dirck Needham
Kitty Hawk, NC

Robert Joseph Nentwig
Boxford, MA
Glenn Douglas Newcomb
Richmond
Bruce Edward Nickle
Burke
Michael Cecil Northrop
Albany, GA
James Harrison Nowlin
Hot Springs



Preparing to usher dignitaries during a parade, second classmen Bryan Amsel. Tim Armstrong, and George Shield are part of a group about to be briefed by Maj. Gleason.

Down by the river with a friend, Bruce Nickle enjoys the warmth of the sun's rays.

Relishing some "refreshment," Scott Hillier and his girlfriend/wife relax at Goshen.

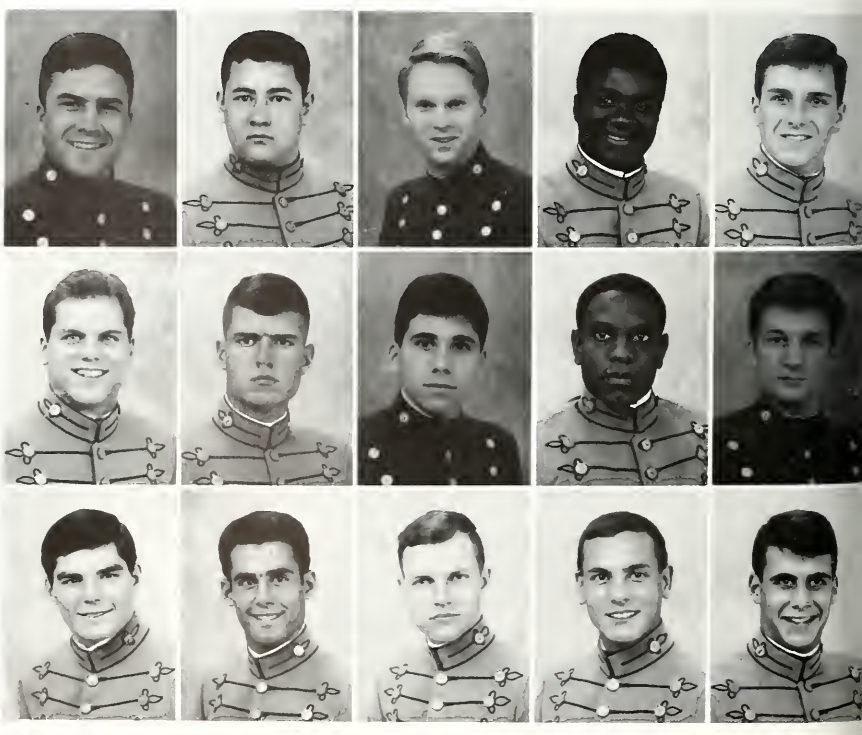




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Richmond
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Annandale

David Leroy Parker
Lynchburg
Christopher Howard Peet
N. Kingstown, RI
Timothy James Perez
Vienna
Ambrose Rossini Phillips, III
Landover, MD
Glenn Paul Phillips
Stafford

George Deets Pickett
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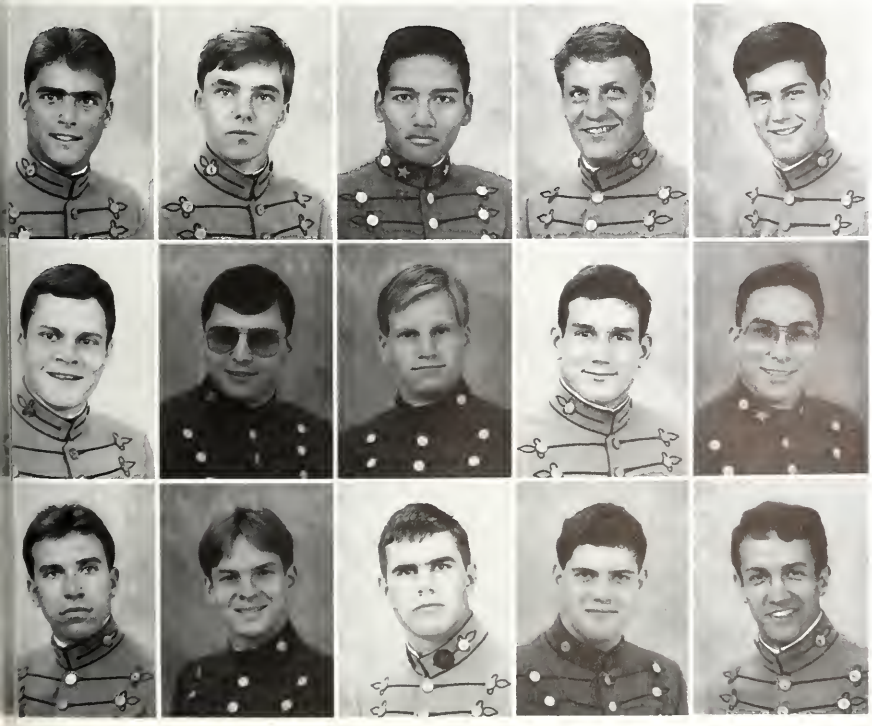




Preparing to "dig in," Jim Agostini gets some use out of the concourse vending machines.

In an attempt to increase his upperbody strength, Rich Lahue performs yet another pull-up.





Edward Matthew Plucinski
Aliquippa, PA
Christopher Columbus Poage, II
Reston
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Fairfax
Gordon Wallace Poindexter, III
Waynesboro
Sean Eric Stanley Poremba
Springfield

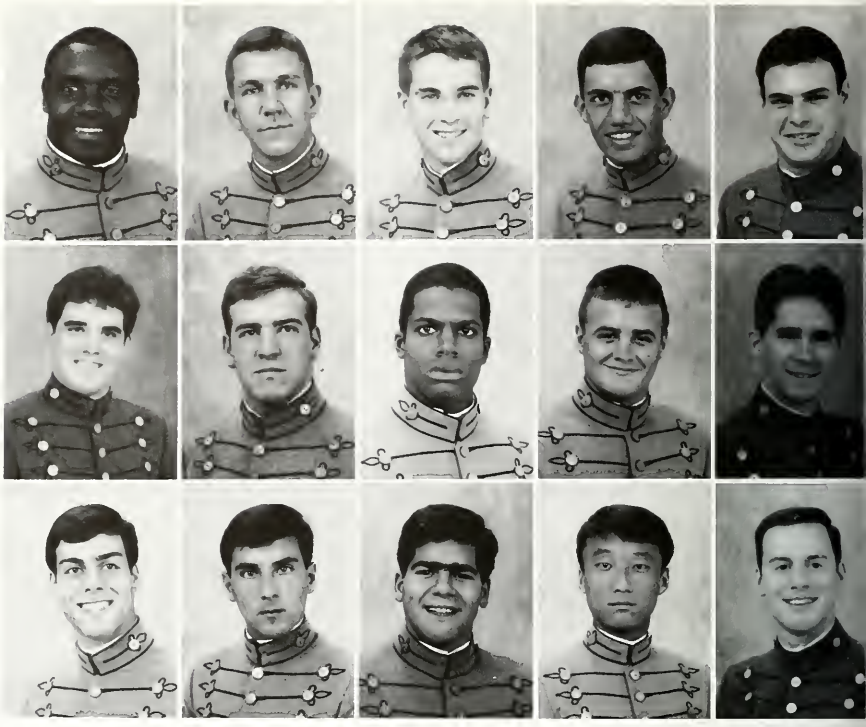
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Southwick, MA
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Richmond
Phillip Jordan Ridderhof
Fredricksburg
Michael David Rivenbark
Virginia Beach
William George Rogers
Richmond

Louis Gene Rucker
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Joseph Ruf, III
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Robert Joseph Scaglione
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Jimmie Wayne Seeley, II
Orange Park, FL
Henry Edward Selnau, Jr.
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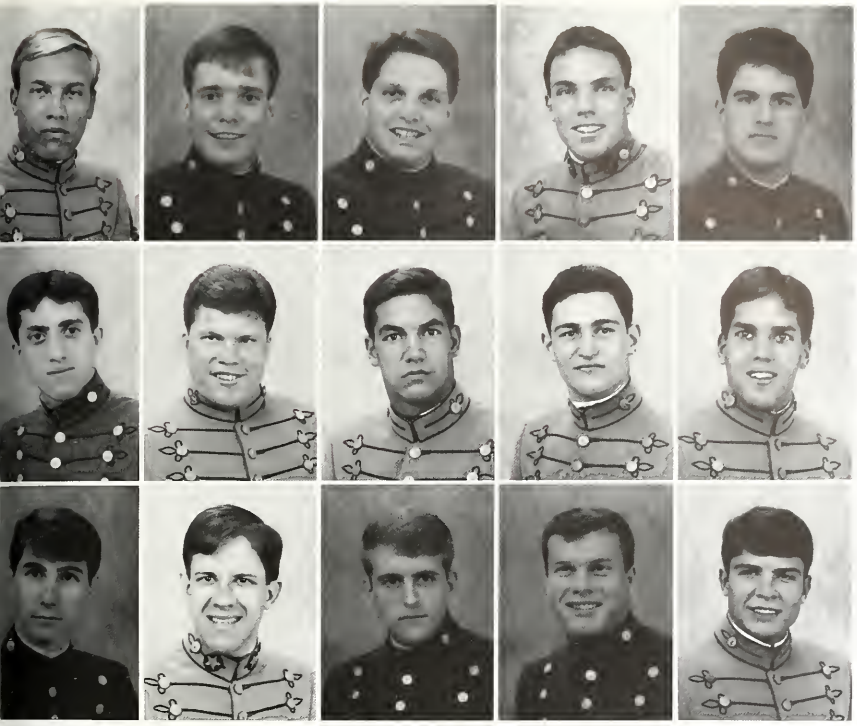


Marching the new Rats up from Cameron Hall, Robert Nussey leads the way.

Pitching in for TCFC '86, Al Comer tries to convince Gay Elmore to buy a "sub."







Paul Alan Simroth
Charleston, WV
Steven Robert Sinclair
Vienna
Karl Joseph Sjolund
Virginia Beach
Jeffrey Allen Smiley
Lexington
Minor Botts Smith
Charleston, WV

Luke Edward Sossi
New Windsor, NY
Kenneth Byron Spain
Lynchburg
David Vandeursen Spears
Fairfax
Timothy Andrew Woodland Spivey
Richmond
Russell Burrus Spriggs
Alexandria

John David Stanek
Lynchburg
Charles Joseph Steenburgh, Jr.
Virginia Beach
Cameron Mosteller Stephens
Mobile, AL
John Albert Stevens
Fredericksburg
Todd Anthony Tabb
Gainesville





Stressing the need for improvement, Lou Florio helps to create a "challenging atmosphere" for this Rat on his first day of cadre.

Putting it all together, Ring Construction Committee members worked long hours to complete The Ring.



With Ring Figure several days away, only the finishing touches are needed before the ring is completed.

Working together at the refreshment stand during football games, Sean Poremba and Matt Anderson form an efficient team.





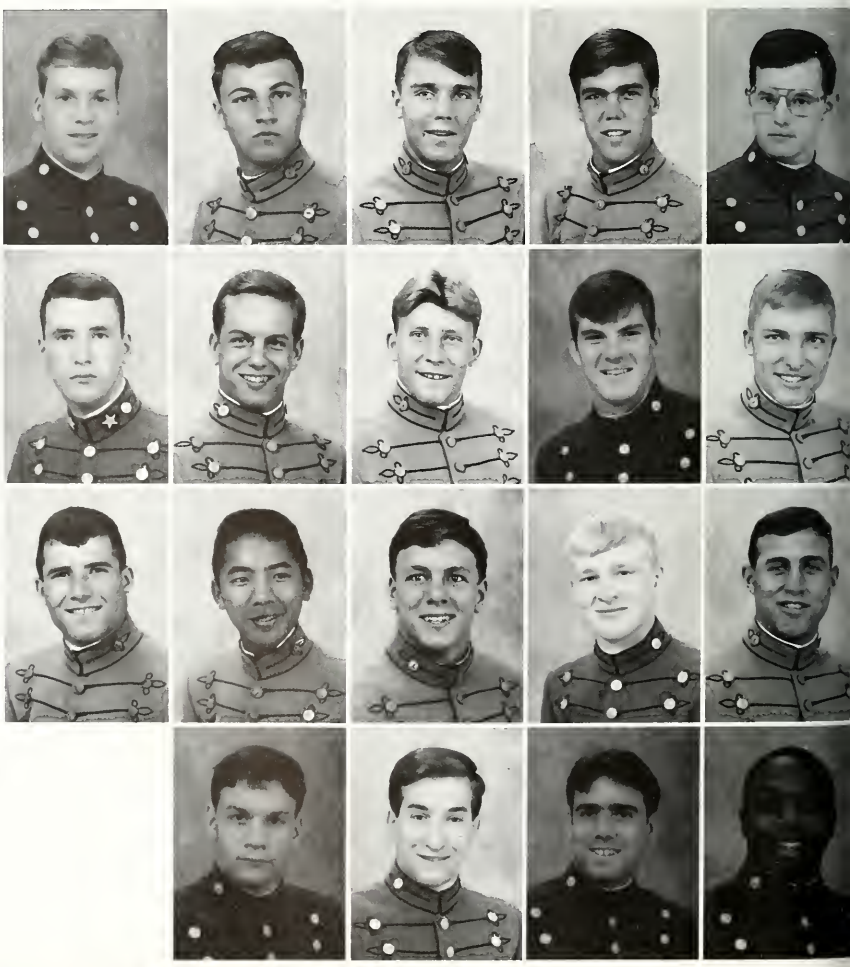


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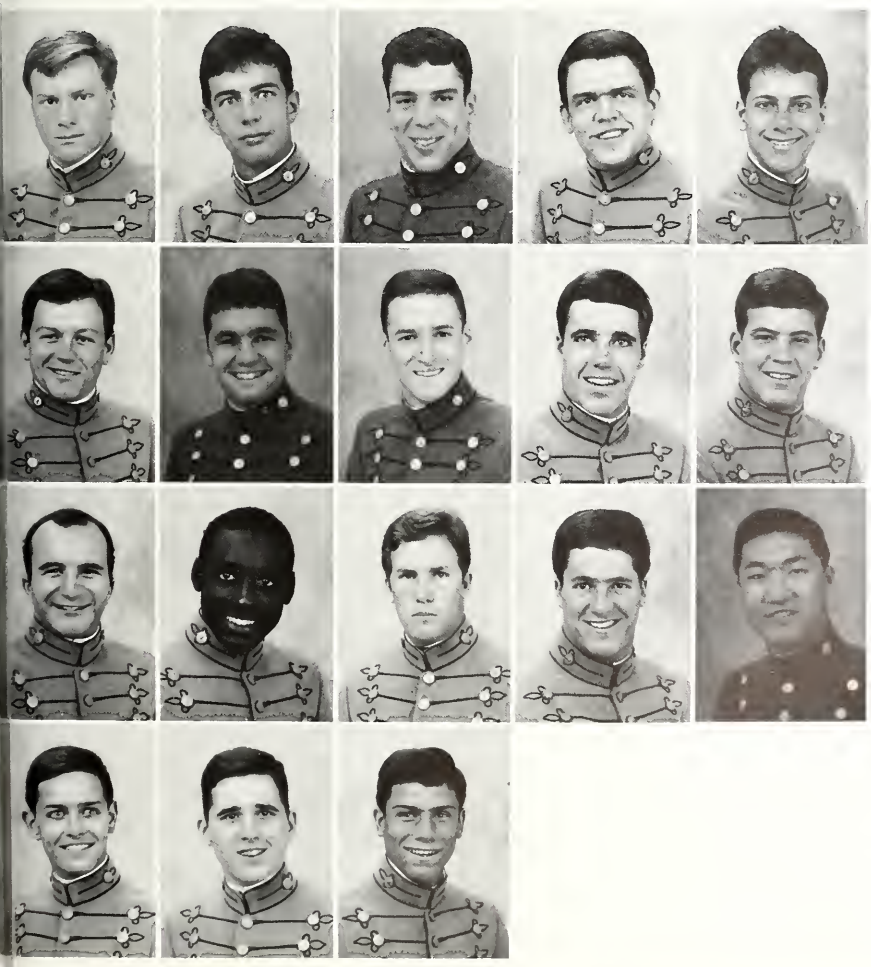




Diving for his "rack," Rob Larosa does his impersonation of a bird landing out of control.

Working hard on an assignment, Kerry Cassel sweats it out as Dave Grimm looks on.





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David Caplan Wallace, Jr.
Scottsville
Kenneth Keegan Walpole
Ringwood, NJ
Eugene Marion Walton, IV
Powhatan
Edward Randolph Ward
Norfolk

Gregory Wayde Weddle
South Boston
Richard Hunt Weede
Brandon, FL
Steven Paul Weiss
Highland, NY
Daniel William Whalen
Allison Park, PA
Eric Scott Whiteman
Wilmington, DE

Arthur Davis Whittaker, Jr.
Kinsale
Darrell Gerard Winfield
Petersburg
William Putnam Wolcott
Norfolk
Roy Franklin Woolwine
Richmond
Gary-John Gilbert Yap
Manassas

Roy David Young, Jr.
Yorktown
Timothy Scott Young
Skygusty, WV
Anthony Todd Zimmer
Mechanicsville

RING FIGURE '86
NOVEMBER 16-17 1984

Ring Figure weekend was a truly memorable one for the Class of 1986. As is customary, the festivities began with a formal ring presentation in Jackson Memorial Hall. This was an exciting time as we all received our rings together. William A. Hallet, Jr., class of 1947 gave the class and others a humorous speech about his thoughts on VMI. Mr. Hallet had much to say about our "sister school, Washington & Lisa" and about issues closer to us. The formalities ended on a serious note about the intangible meanings behind wearing a VMI ring. The Class left J.M. Hall happy with the beautiful ceremony, and excited about the upcoming events.















Friday night the Class assembled (at different times) in J.M. Hall for our formal pictures. As the procession through the ring began, the excitement in the class reached a high. Some dates began to check over their dresses and worry about their make-up, while others wondered how they would hold up their dates as they went through the ring. Everyone managed to make it through just fine. The Commanders provided the music for the class waltz, and thanks to Mrs. Seebode the girls' feet were left relatively unscathed. Jack Diamond helped us swing the night away with their mix of big band music and contemporary dance music. At 2330 hours the long awaited dance came to a close as the Class of '86 left in "mass exodus," with Hop privileges until BRC. This concluded the official part of Friday night while the unofficial activities continued into the early hours of the morning.

















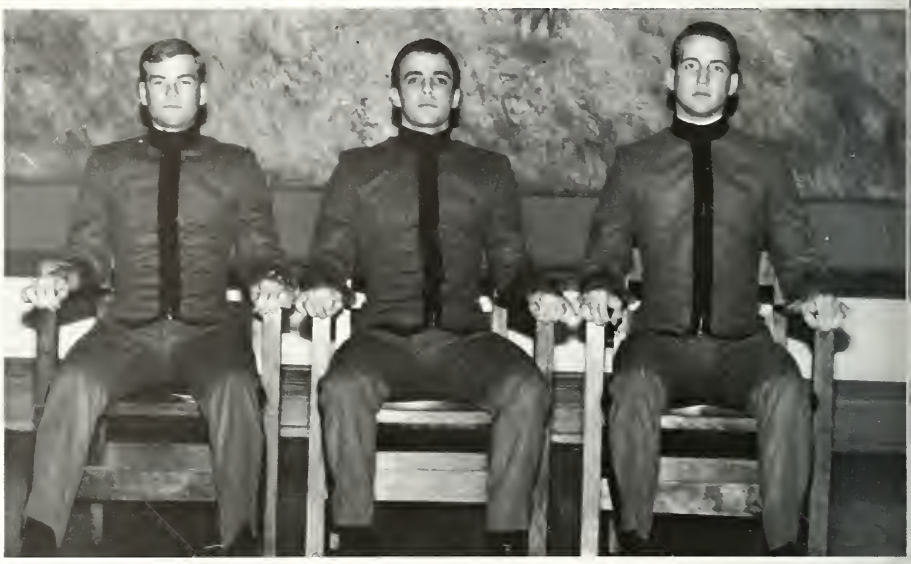


Saturday's events began with a Second Class Parade at 1115 hours. The Class definitely impressed the assembled families and guests with their performance. Military Duty that afternoon for the Corps was the football game against Boston University. It seemed to last forever as everyone had their mind set on the trip to Richmond. The Hyatt was "rocking" after the Class of 1986 descended upon it. The Granduers established themselves as the ultimate in party bands as they jammed until 3 o'clock in the morning. The food and service were top flight and the tables were sturdy enough to hold a group of five (we only broke 4 or 5). The weekend was topped off with an elegant buffet breakfast in the Hyatt's Monticello Room. Ring Figure far exceeded everyone's expectations and as soon as the damages are paid for, we'll be ready to have an awesome anniversary party!

George Cabell Sheild
Ring Figure Chairman
Class of 1986



THE CLASS OF 1987



If sweat is what binds us together as a class, then the coming three years will draw us together all the more. Last year we sweated through Cadre and sweat parties; this year we sweated over tests, more tests and Ring Figure preparations.

With an extremely efficient team consisting of our class officers and the Ring Figure Committee elected by companies under the direction of Brad Chandler, RFC Chairman, '87's Ring Figure preparations accelerated far ahead of schedule with incredible success.

As of November 1, 1984, we took over operation of the TCFC under the leadership of Paul Russo. Run on the strength of the class dues of $10.00 a month, the TCFC representatives of each company, launched into several capitalistic "good deals" in search of funds for Ring Figure including selling the traditional pizzas, subs, cakes, T-shirts and mugs.

Finally, to some degree, the Third Class took part in the affairs of Barracks. Our corporals trained the Rats and performed the usual slave labor assigned to those with the lowest rank in the system. As a result of a minor restructuring of the EC/GC, only our President voted on cases that went before the Committee, however this allowed our other two officers to objectively observe the mechanics of the two Committees each time they met and thus be able to make better decisions next year when they will also be able to vote.

All in all, there was a lot of positive momentum generated in this year's Third Class which will continue over the next two years.



Mike Wright samples a new waitress in the P.X.



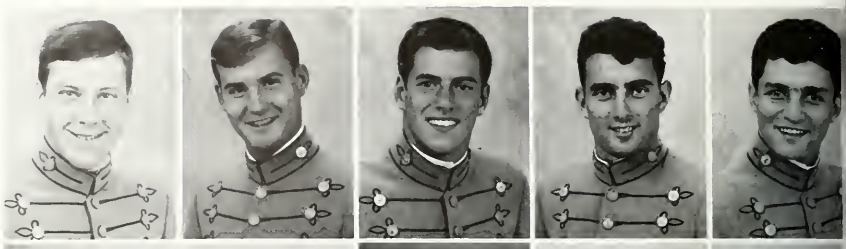
Walter "Rat" Via tries to pass incognito in the ratline!

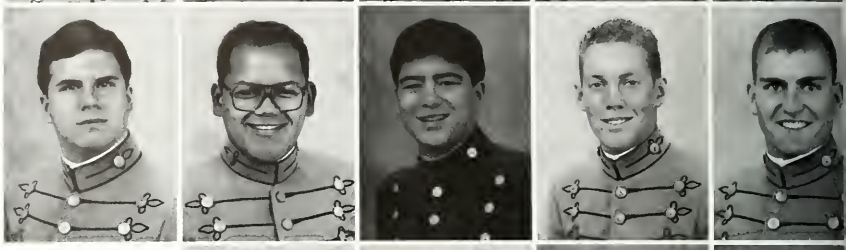


The third stoop keeps a close watch on the rats.

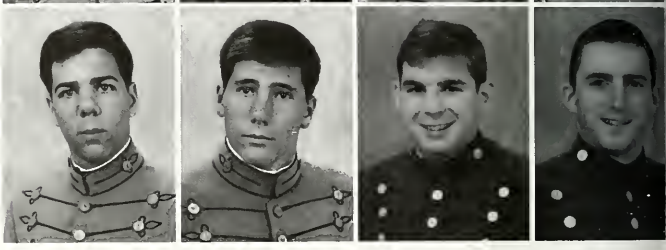
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Richmond
Charles Allgood
Boydton
Kellam Ames
Gloucester Point
Michael Andersen
Staunton
Luis Arce
St. Georges, Grenada

Scott Armstrong
Lebanon, TN
Jeremy Arnaiz
Riverside, CA
Todd Arris
Virginia Beach
John Avis
Roanoke
Steven Baird
Olympia, WA





Kevin Barker
Tokyo, Japan
John Barnard
Alexandria
William Barnes
Chesterfield
Dean Barr
Unionville, PA

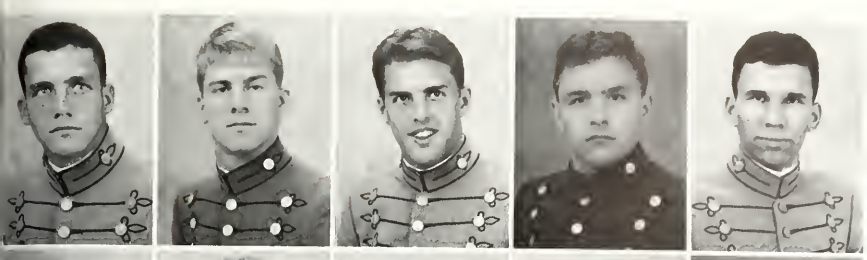




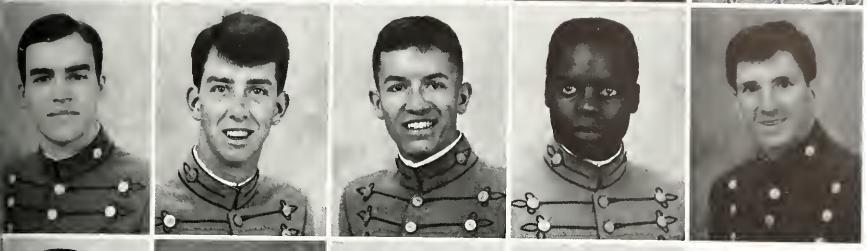
Bruce Bones enjoys Homecoming Hops with his date.



Bill Callahan's rats seek revenge for all of his yelling during cadre.



Mark Barth
Lovettsville
Mark Bartholf
Alexandria
James Bean
Salem
Scott Berger
Lexington
William Berneski
Wilkes-Barre, PA



Hugh Bettendorf
Winchester
William Beyer
Brookfield, WI
James Bierman
Trumbull, CT
John Blackwell
Baltimore, MD
William Blanton
White Post



Steven Blinn
Cherry Hill, NJ
Thomas Bones
Richmond
John Boughton
Dallas, TX
Bowlman Bowles
Richmond





Joe Bettendorf teaches a rat the finer arts of straining.

Dave Furness, Neal Naff, Bob Eckhoff and John Nolan displaying their prowess with the 3x5 card.

Tracy Porter and fellow third display that "Brother Rat Spirit" still exists.





Anthony Brads
Buena Vista
Paul Brannigan
Ashvilla, PA
Fritz Braunlich
Wheeling, WV
Trent Bridges
Rochester, NY
James Bright
Muenster, TX











Jeffrey Brown
Wakeville
Wilson Brown
Raleigh, NC
Bradley Brzozinski
West Islip, NY
James Bunn
Ashland
Louis Buonpane
North Haven, CT











Todd Burdette
Stewartsville, NJ
Robert Burns
Cary, NC
Daniel Butler
Fairfax
Robert Buxton
Exter, NH









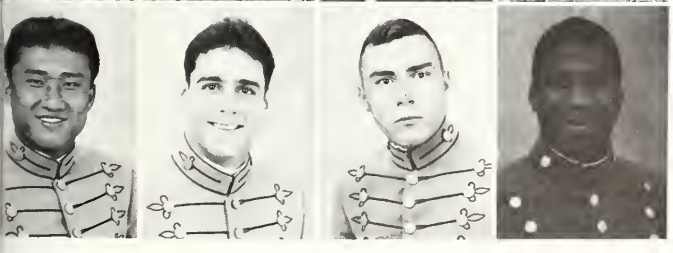


John Poast enjoys all the benefits of cheerleading!



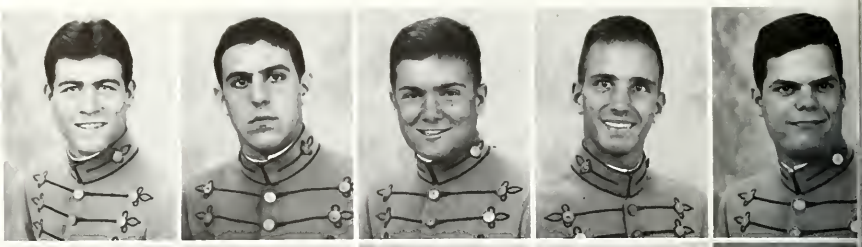
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Weston, CT
Steven Cade
Roanoke
William Callahan
Atlanta, GA
Andrew Campi
West Long Branch, NJ
Ronald Carr
Austin, MN

Peter Carty
Williamsport, PA
Michael Cestaro
Vienna
Bradford Chandler
West Redding, CT
The Chau
Roanoke
Timothy Chester
Richmond



Junho Chi
Woodbridge
John Chicoli
South Fork, PA
David Cochran
Roanoke
Clifton Coger
Rocky Mount

Brian Cornwell
Alexandria
Mark Corrice
Ogdensburg, NY
Joseph Coughlin
Springfield
Craig Covert
Roanoke
Michael Cowan
Hood



Raymond Cowan
Suffolk
James Cranford
Holden, MA
Richard Cruze
Roanoke
Joseph Curley
Winchester
Edward Dandar
Nokesville



Eric Davis
Pittsburgh, PA
Raymond Davis
Haddonfield, NJ
William Davis
Aston, PA
Michael Dawson
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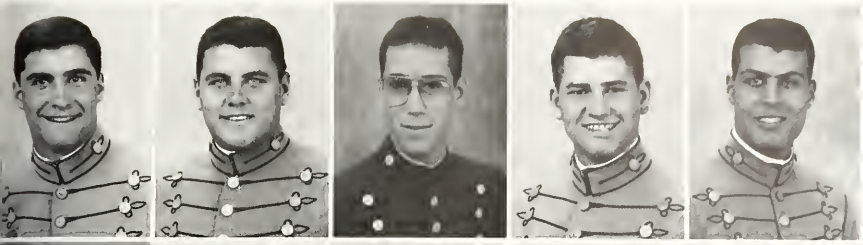




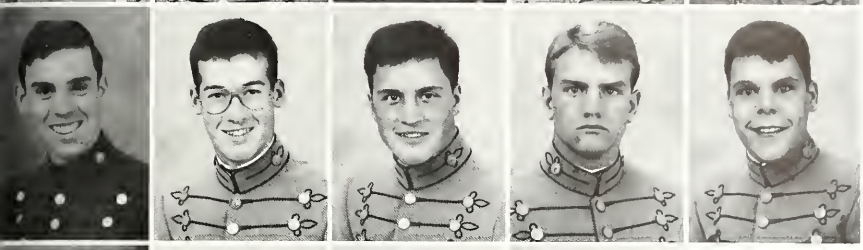
Dave Cochran and Doug Flynn enjoy guard duties.



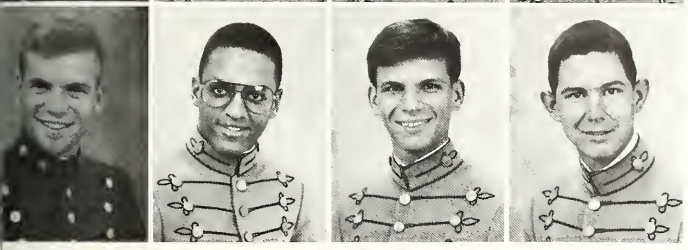
Cliff Bunn romancing his date.



Edward Devens
Huntington, WV
James Devens
Blacksburg, VA
Kenneth Devero
Ft. Worth, TX
Matthew Dick
Front Royal
Robert Dionisio
Seaside Heights, NJ



Charles Dozier
Lanham, MD
Paul Duray
Westwood, MA
Charles Early
Harrisonburg
Robert Eaton
Roanoke
Robert Eckhoff
East Setauket, NY



Charles Edgar
Alexandria
Gregory Ellis
Alexandria
Colin Elster
Arlington
Jonathan Eubank
Singapore





Clark Barnes ensures a successful career at V.M.I. with the Commandant's daughter.

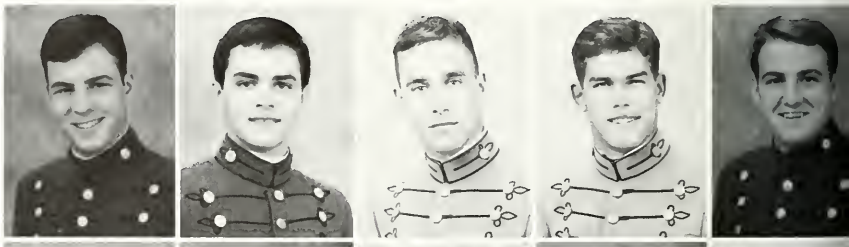
George Tolley involved in a hop conversation.

Building character are Dave Cochran and Steve Cade.





Michael Evans
Tampa, FL
Martin Ewald
Savona, NY
Thomas Farleigh
Midlothian
Carl Feddeler
Palm Harbor, FL
David Ferguson
Nathalie



John Ferguson
Belleville, IL
Monte Ferguson
Rocky Mount
John Ficarro
Bowie, MD
Edward Fishback
Richmond
Denis Fitzpatrick
Richmond



Douglas Flynn
Roanoke
Terry Fortune
Greensboro, NC
Jonathan Freeman
Richmond
Randolph Friend
Mobile, AL



Somkiak Sampan executing his cadre duties during D.R.C.





William Fuller
Erwin, NC
David Furness
Mechanicsburg, PA
Adrian Garcia
Annandale
Reid Garst
Salem
Fanandus Gayle
Newport News

Steven Glenn
Lexington
Victor Gonzalez
Metairie, LA
Robert Goodwin
Roanoke
James Greenburg
Blackville, SC
Alan Greene
Fredericksburg

James Greene
Milford, MA
Scott Gruber
Sherborn, MA
Timothy Guck
Stony Brook, NY
Stuart Halasz
Mechanicsville

Daniel Hall
Beltsville, MD
William Hancock
Richmond
Peter Hansen
Bethesda, MD
Carl Hardee
Portsmouth
Kurt Hauk
Sunbury, PA







Rick Heine
Virginia Beach
Michael Hinckle
Roanoke
Robert Hinson
Newport News
Vernon Hoke
Waynesboro
Michael Hooper
Arlington







Michael Houck
Bluefield
Matthew Howard
Charlotte, NC
Ralph Hudson
Richmond
Thomas Hurrell
Martinsville








Paul Munson teaches a rat the proper way to strain on the third stoop!







Timothy Jackson
Richmond
Roberto Jacquez
Prescott, AZ
Randy Janey
Suffock
Charles Jewel
Altavista
Derrick Johnson
Prince George





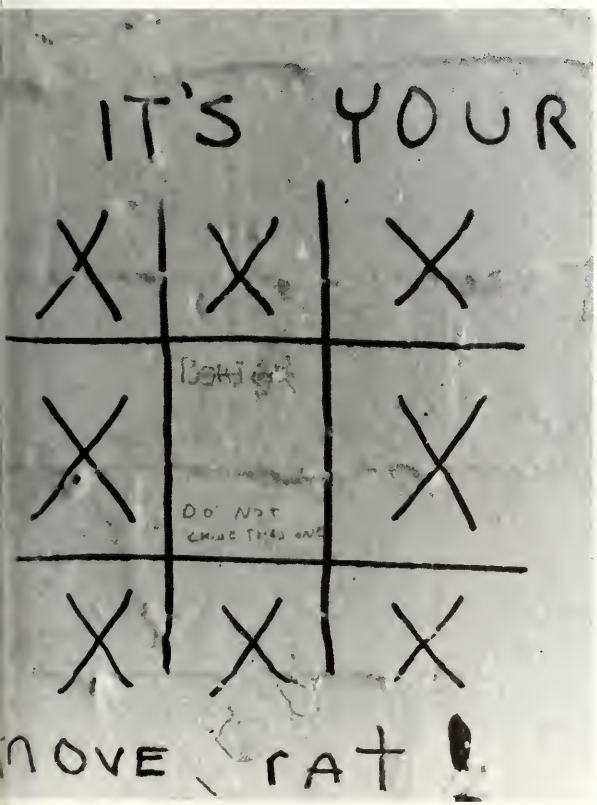


James Johnson
Winchester
John Johnson
Roanoke
Mark Johnson
Colonial Heights
William Johnson
Franklin
Perry Jones
Covington






Scott Jones
Vienna
Kelly Jordon
Fort Collins, CO
Michael Jussila
North Harwich, MA
Bradford Keller
Indianapolis, IN





Clark Barnes having morning inspection room orderly plight.

The third classes idea of Tic-Tac-Toe was slightly slanted.

Junho Chi suprises Denis Fitzpatrick in an evening slumber.

"Whose date is this anyway?" questions Matt Sutton as Chinawat Noiwan looks on in innocence.





Andrew Kestner
Springfield
Denis Kiely
Springfield
Robert Kinn
Danville
John Klassen
Fishkill, NY
Andrew Korol
Rochester, NY







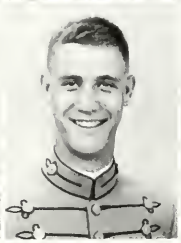




Dean Kratzenberg
Rocky Mount, NC
Payne Lannom
Lebanon, TN
Edward Ledford
Asheville, NC
Gerald Ledlow
Woodbridge
Jean Lemaire
The Hauge, Netherlands



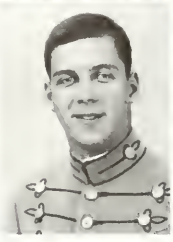








Richard Lemay
Roanoke
John Lightner
Marion, OH
Henry Loving
Richmond
Mark Lund
Berkeley Heights, NJ



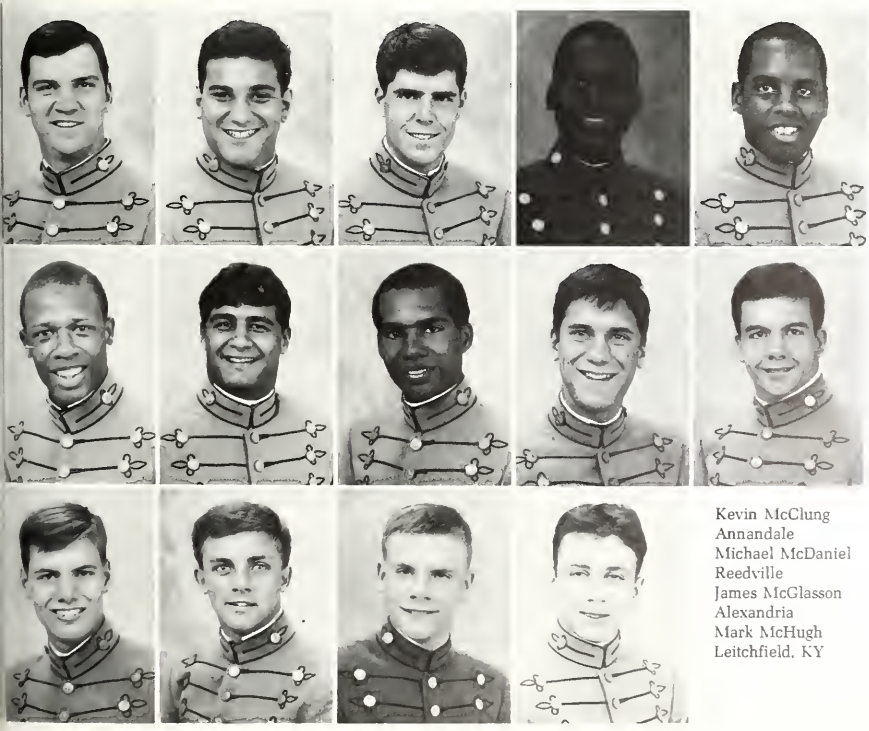








Unable to find a date for the hop weekend Bill Seiferth is comforted by his teddy bear.



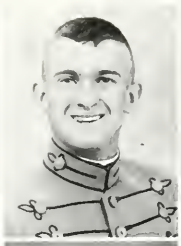
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Westfield, NJ
James Mallis
Roanoke
Kenneth Marsh
Hazard, KY
Joseph Massie
Richmond
Ivan Mattox
Richmond

Michael Maxwell
Suitland, MD
King Mayse
Marion, OH
Felix McCain
Lynchburg
John McCarthy
Lynchburg
William McCarthy
Vienna

Kevin McClung
Annandale
Michael McDaniel
Reedville
James McGlasson
Alexandria
Mark McHugh
Leitchfield, KY

Jonathan McLean
Newnan, GA
Manuel Melendez
San Salvador, El Salvador
Robert Merkel
Virginia Beach
Douglass Messner
Allison Park, PA
Warren Michelsen
Montclair, NJ







Bryan Miller
Buena Vista
Sean Miller
Atlanta, GA
Russell Mitchell
Carrollton
Thomas Mitchell
Winchester
Michael Moore
Richmond







Hiram Morales
Santurce, P.R.
Matthew Morgan
Manakin-Sabot
Paul Munson
Roanoke Rapids, NC
Thomas Murray
Annandale



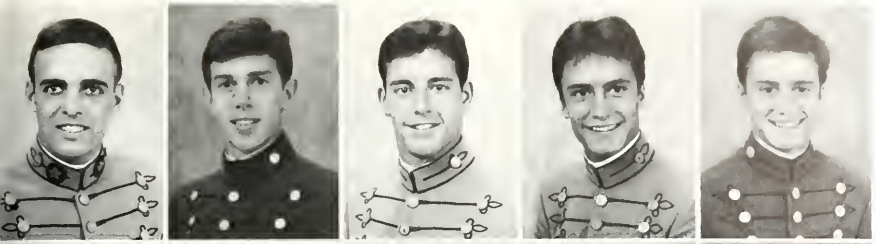





At Homecoming Hops Dave Furness and Scott Jewell escort their Homecoming Queen candidates.

Third Class year finds an "Academic Rat-line" as demonstrated by Cliff Bunn.





Neal Naff
Boones Mill
John Nagle
Wilmington, NC
Manley Nelson
Winchester
Richard Nelson
Accomac
Samuel Nelson
Accomac



Parisarn Ngarmwongwan
Kensington, MD
Chinawat Noiwan
Annandale
John Nolan
Yuba City, CA
John Olinger
Ashville, NC
Kyle Oliver
Annandale



Gregory Otey
Roanoke
Stephen Owens
Springfield
Pakdi Pannorit
Kennsington, MD
Alfred Pantano
Milford, MA



Denis Keily and Tom Struckmeyer stand as guardians of the Institute.

A mob of revenge driven rats grab Cpl. Bill Callahan at the rat picnic.

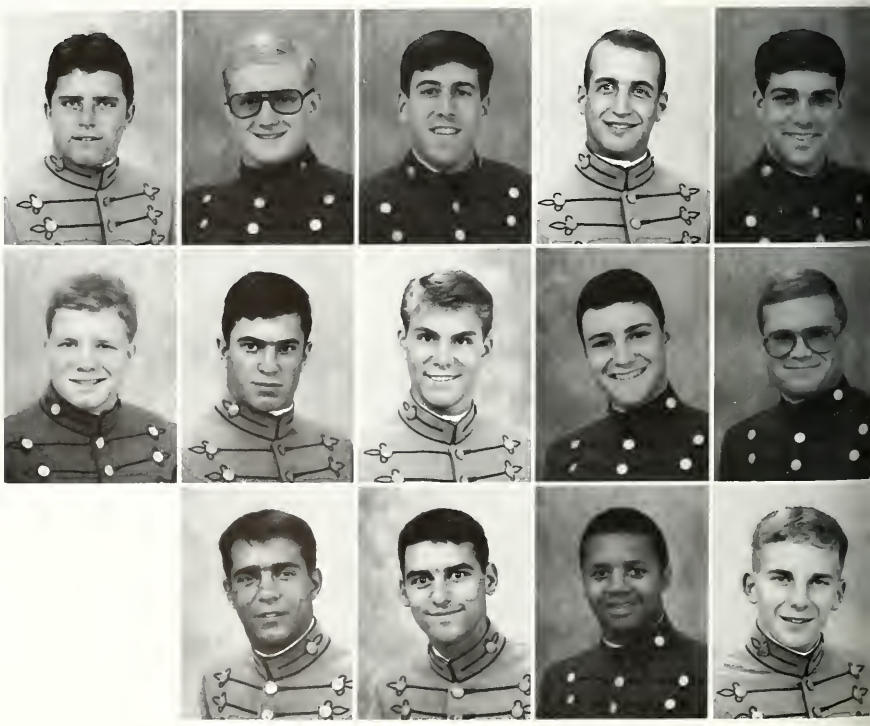




Christopher Peckham
Rye, NH
Thomas Peer
South Boston
Nathaniel Pendleton
Wytheville
James Pennington
Alexandria
John Phillips
Decatur, GA

Robert Phillips
Medford, NY
John Pilloni
Glen Ridge, NJ
John Poast
Alexandria
Thomas Politano
Wilmington, VT
Tracy Porter
King William

Kevin Price
Titusville, FLA
Kevin Reardon
Richmond
David Redman
Staunton
Vernie Reichling
Merriam, KN





Tracy Porter checking out the scene.

HALLOWEEN at V.M.I.?





Reynolds Renshaw
Annandale
Neal Robinson
Hampton
Ronald Robinson
Midlothian
Steve Robinson
Dumfries
Matthew Rowe
Binghampton, NY

Paul Russo
Johnstown, PA
Ernest Sacco
Voorheesville, NY
Jon Sachrison
Clearwater, FLA
Jeffrey Sadler
Richmond
Somkiat Sampan
Kensington, MD

Somsak Sawangsak
Kensington, MD
Curtis Schoonmaker
Great Falls
Charles Schwarz
Savanna, GA
Scott Sciaretta
Fairfax Station

Clarence Scott
Wilmington, NC
William Seiferth
Clifton Park, NY
John Shelton
Bon Air
Brett Shepard
Miami, FLA
Jason Shepard
Georgetown, KY

Kevin Sincavage
Clifton, NJ
David Smith
Holtwood, PA
Gary Smith
Staunton
Macon Snowden
McLean
Timothy Snyder
Appleton, WI

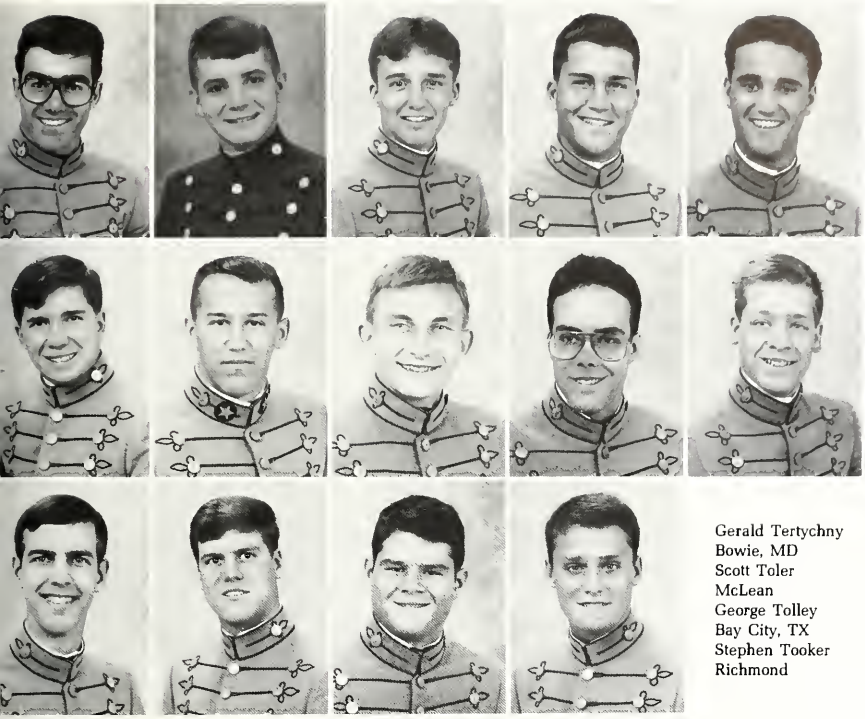
Kent Sparks
Dayton, TN
George Spence
Chester
Robert Sprinkle
Buchanan
Christopher Stathis
Richmond



Steve Cade escorts his lovely hop date Jay Pennington wearing his new dress!!!



Maj. Tiso, No Bones Please!



Christopher Stearns
Woodstock
Thomas Struckmeyer
Sarasota, FL
Rennie Sullivan
Riverside, RI
Robert Susnar
Pasadena, CA
Terrance Sutherland
Fredricksburg

Matthew Sutton
Poquoson
Robert Sweaney
Richmond
Radoslaw Szczepanski
Newark, NJ
John Taylor
Sandston
Jeffrey Temple
Amherst, OH

Gerald Tertychny
Bowie, MD
Scott Toler
McLean
George Tolley
Bay City, TX
Stephen Tooker
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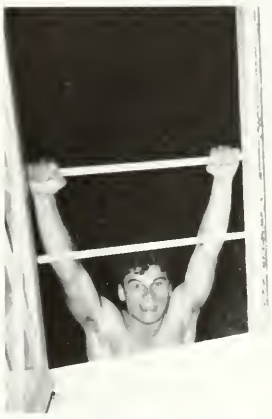


Dave Furness and his date enjoy a football game.

Kevin Price is dazed by the computer.



Practicing for Airborne School are "Rennie" Renshaw and Andy Kestner on a midnight recondo!





Wilfred Trammell
Rome, GA
Hung Tran
Richmond
Michael Upton
Haymarket
Walter Via
Alexandria
Kurt Vogan
Washington Grove, MD

Thomas Voytko
Pittsburgh, PA
Craig Walker
Portsmouth
Timothy Walrod
Glendale, AZ
Kenneth Walsh
Lynchburg
William Wanovich
Library, PA

Mitchel Ward
Glasgow
Rex Warnert
Rensselaer, NY
Keith Washington
La Plata, MD
Michael Weiss
Midlothian
Warren Weiss
Greensburg, PA







The Third Class officers up to their usual tricks.



Stwart Wharton
Ranson, WV
Richard Whitty
Wicomico Church
Michael Williamson
Hockessin, DE
William Williamson
Richmond
Steven Wilson
Virginia Beach

Donald Wood
Amherst
Moody Wooten
Hampton
Michael Wright
Doswell
Seonghoon Yum
Falls Church
Richard Zgol
Covington

William Zins
Newport News
Andrew Zolper
Glen Rock, NJ
Thomas Brooks
Midlothian
Mark Current
Middletown, OH
Jeffery Gines
Spring Arbor, MI

Sleepy Dan Hall escapes the pressures of V.M.I. for a few hours.

Mike Williamson checks out the arches.

Perry Jones and Scott Jackson go for full credit in Physics Lab.

Worldly Bill Wanovich keeps up on the news.











KEITH SHELBY COFFEY
"Grandpa, Old man"
Rockbridge Co., Virginia
Biology—Special Student

You can't look at the "I" from the outside and understand it. You must become part of it before it is clear and what happens inside Limits Gates. V.M.I. refines in us the qualities of Honesty, Self-discipline, and the will to succeed and overcome challenges.

"He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet he did not open his mouth;
Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,
And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,
He did not open His mouth.
By oppression and judgment He was taken away;
And as for His generation, who considered
That He was cut off out of the land of the living, . . . "
(Isaiah 53:7-8)

Thanks Mom and Dad for all the support and encouragement. And to the Class of '87, don't forget all of our "parties" with the class of '84. K.S.C.



Brad Chandler finally received the rat sabre promised us at the beginning of our rat year.

Richard Whitty showing his date the V.M.I. style of dancing.





Kevin Barker and Scott Berger involved in their "favorite" pastime!



THE CLASS OF 1988

We arrived on 15 August, 1984 to a place that was vague and strange to us all. Matriculation brought fear and a sense of unknowing upon all 452 of us. After saying good-bye to our parents and stepping into the processing line, we became the property of the Institute. We were the largest mass to matriculate at the "I" ever. We were told that our number would be cut in half by the time we graduated.

Then we were introduced to the ratline by the RDC and its president, Mr. Harder. The introduction to the honor code, which is a sacred part of every VMI man, came next. The code showed us that a true gentleman lives by his honor. Academics started on 21 August, 1984 with all of us having heavy loads to shoulder.

All of these things combined to put us into local hysteria. But, the night we met our dykes, we realized that they cared for us and that they wanted us to pull together and succeed as a mass to become the Class of 1988. To them, we owe a lifetime of respect and gratitude.



Chris Demmons checks out the rumor board on the 4th stoop for anything of importance.

"Put it between your knees, if it drops, you're up."

Learning how to march during cadre, these rats still have a long way to go before their first parade.



First class president Jim Chartier escorts Chris Baumstark, the first rat sentinel of 1985 to walk post number 1 after his "raping."





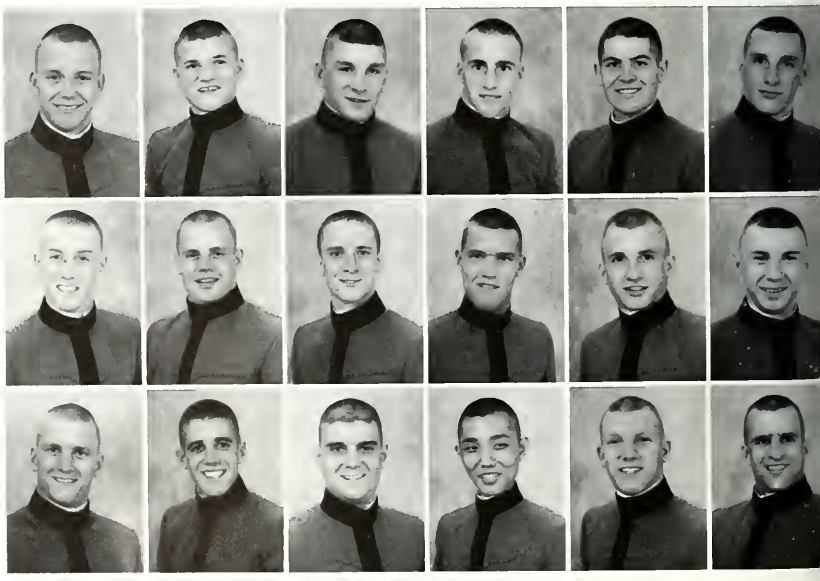
Would you let this man marry your sister???



James B. Adams
Midlothian
Kelly P. Alexander
Olympia, WA
Timothy A. Alger
Alexandria
Mark W. Allen
Dover, PA
Kevin L. Alvis
Goochland
Tony L. Ammons
Virginia Beach

John R. Ancona
Charlottesville
Ted T. Andersen
Wichita, KS
Calvin N. Anderson
Chesapeake
James D. Anderson
Louisville, KY
Michael S. Anderson
Virginia Beach
T. L. Anderson
Rockbridge Baths

Francis D. Andres Jr.
Annandale
Mark S. Arboneaux
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Edward R. Armstrong
Bay Shore, NY
Bo H. Baik
Falls Church
David F. Baker
Acton, MD
Andrew F. Barends
Camp Hill, PA



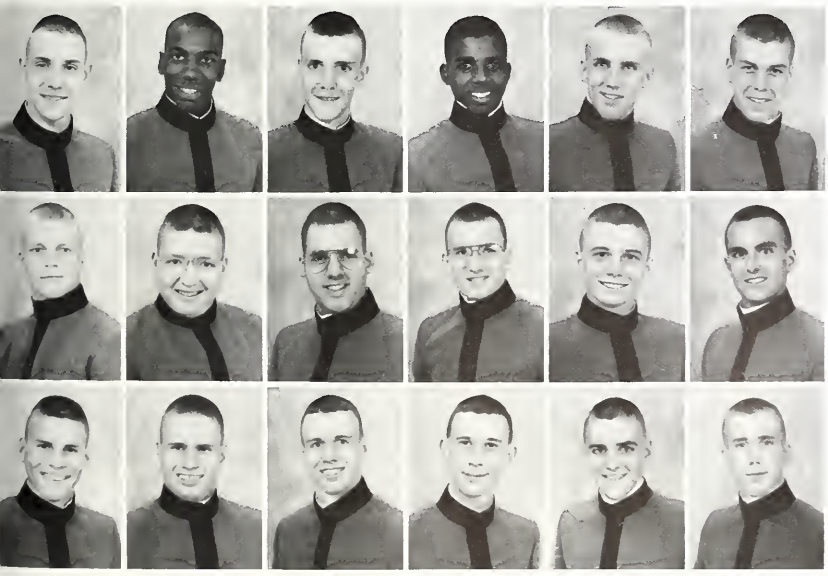


A new cadet gets a final hug from his mother before he goes off into the unknown world of VMI.

Saying good-bye to his girlfriend, Mark Arboneaux gives her a last hug for a long time to come.

Something a "Rat" should never leave home without, his "Idiot Tag."





Brian K. Barnes
Roanoke
Beatty M. Barnes Jr.
Sperryville
Jeffery S. Barratt
Culpeper
Eric W. Batiste
Oakland, CA
Christopher J. Baumstark
Virginia Beach
Christopher T. Beck
Wellsville, NY

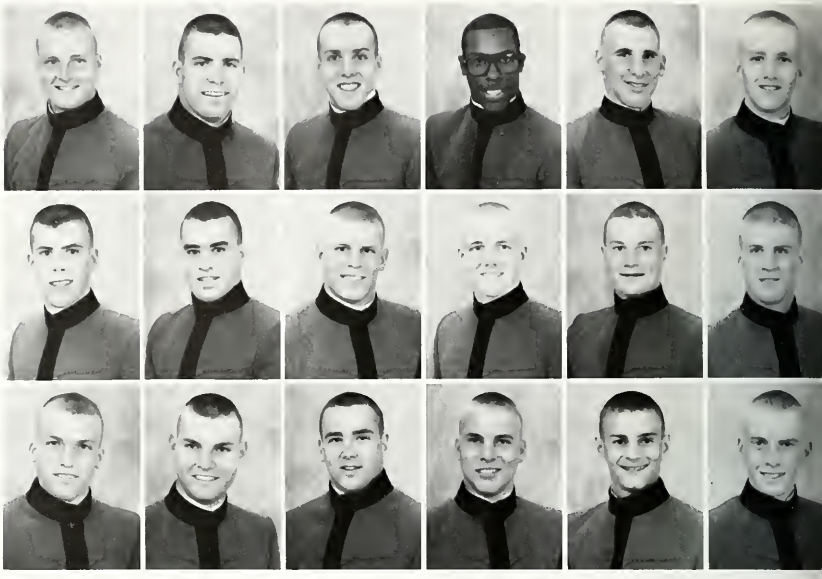
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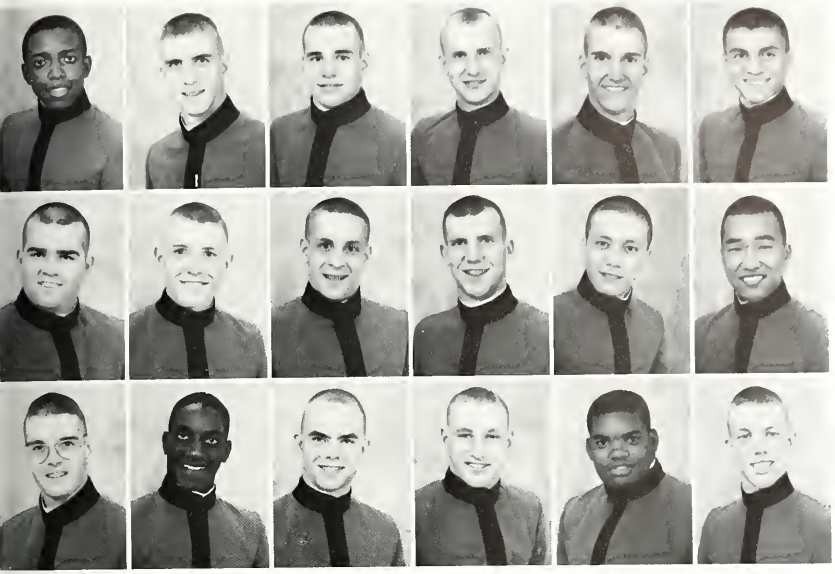
Alpha Co. Rats see the barracks for the first time.



Noted for his fine hair styling, Wendell creates another classic.

Finally, it's 11:15, time for hay down.





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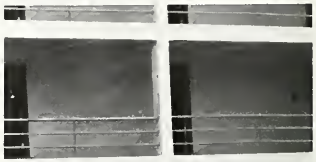


In that ever so popular VMI pose, rat Zoeke demonstrates "the VMI strain"

This Rat is enjoying the break from the VMI grind at Opening Hops.

A new cadet says farewell to his mother and prepares to face the challenges that the upcoming year represent.





You can only make one trip up with your luggage so make the most of it!

Chris Comberg entertains upperclassmen on the stoops.

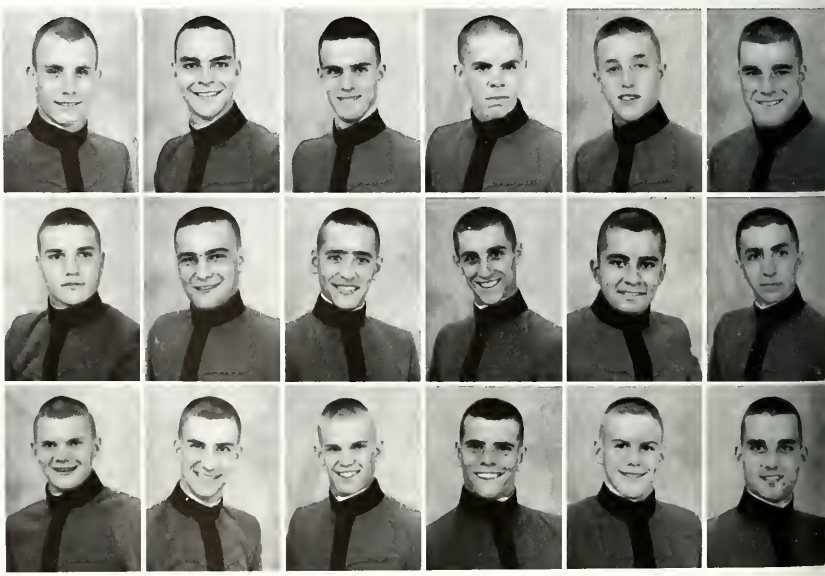




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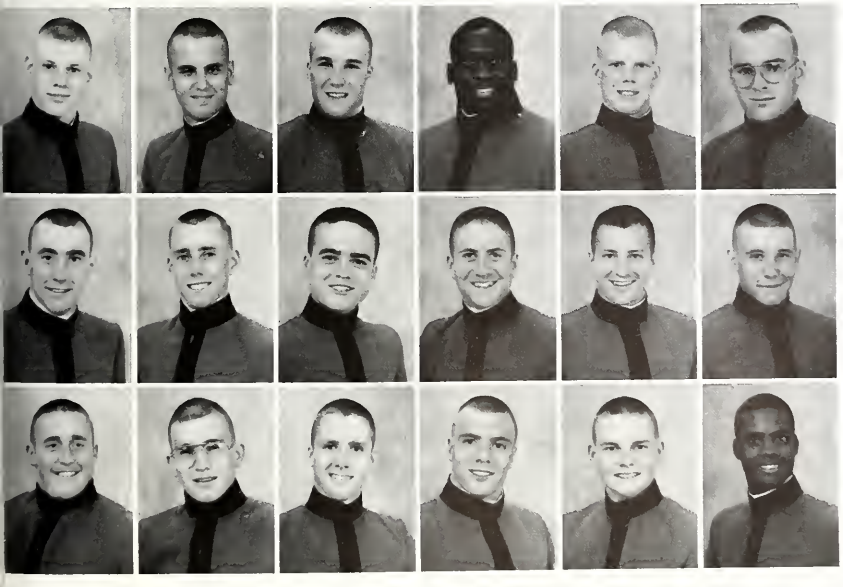
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"Follow this clipboard, keep up, and don't run. Move with a purpose Rats!"





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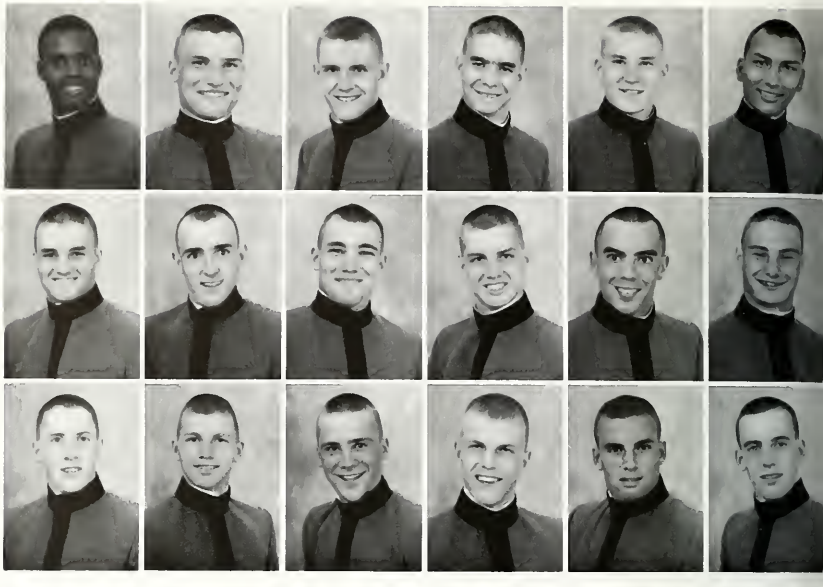
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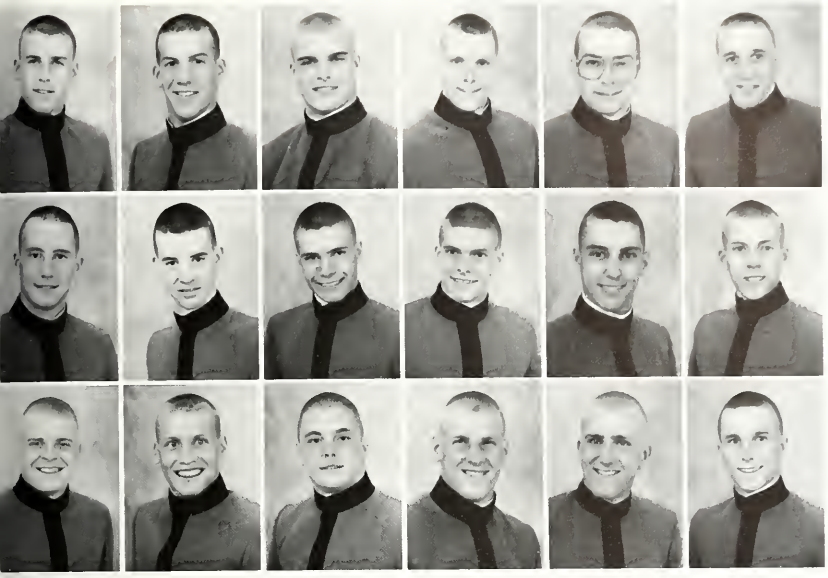
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An RDC member teaches a Rat the fine points of straining their first night of matriculation.

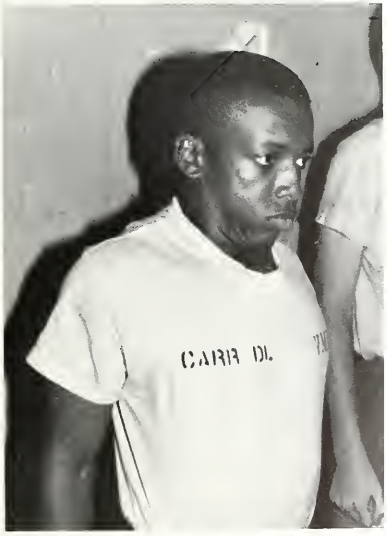


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Kultawa Vaijai fills out special forms on the first day of cadre.

Darrell Carr nervously awaits the first sweat party of the year.

Colonel Vines helps a new cadet map out his academic future at the Institute.

The first step at VMI, signing the matriculation book.

The RDC spreads out to teach Rats to strain.





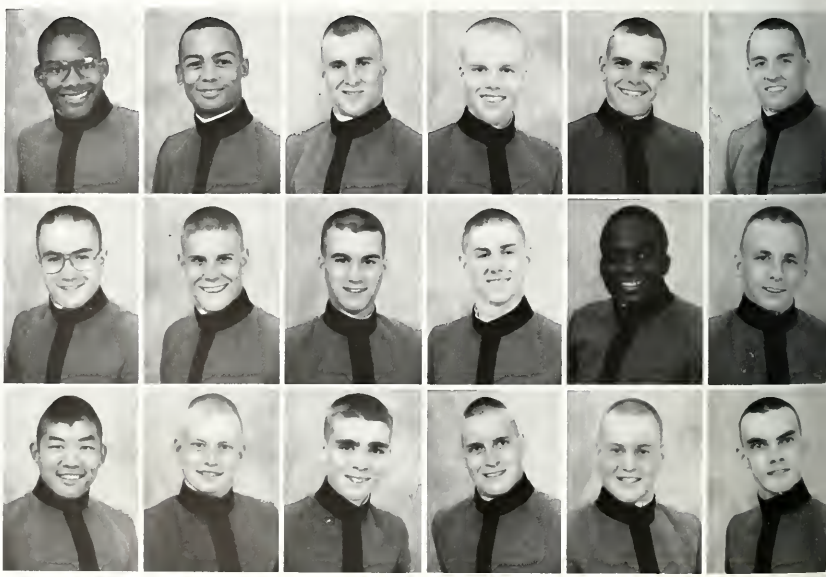
BOMB Editor George Headley questions new cadets trying to find future staff members.



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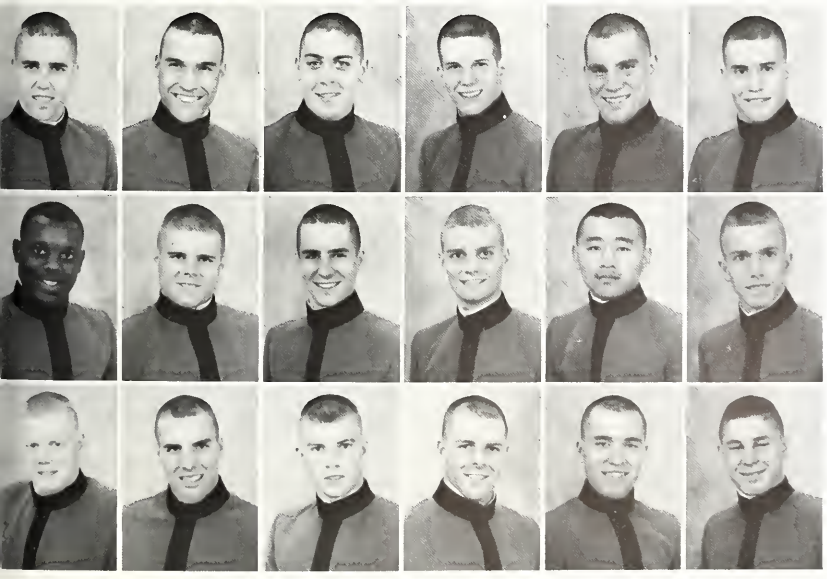
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Martin Castillo learns how to properly wear a belt.





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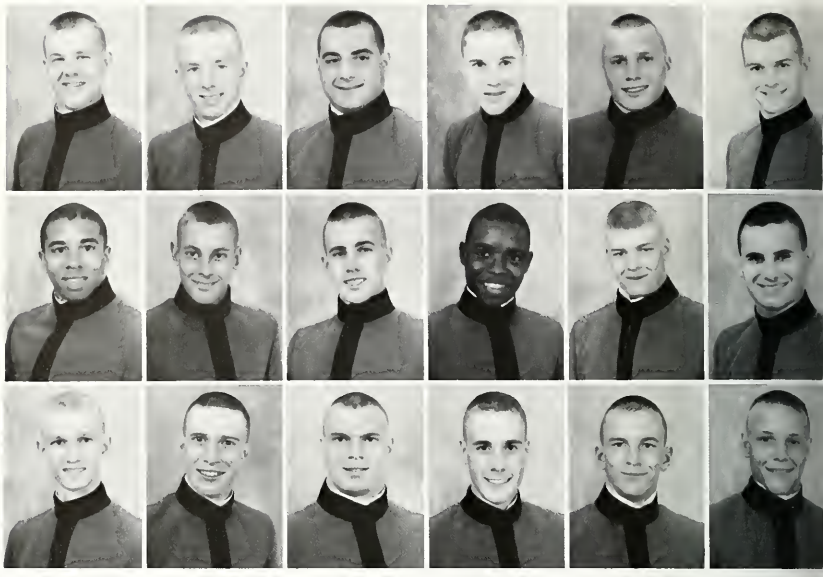
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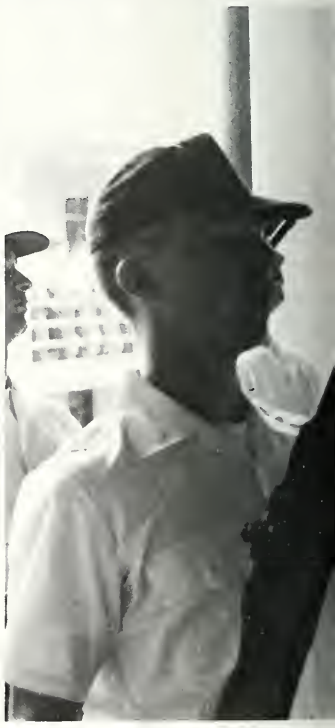




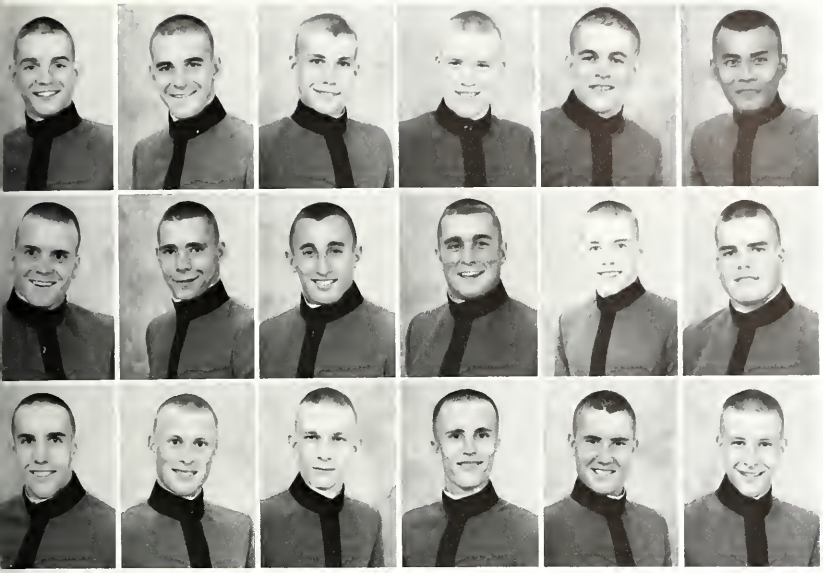
New cadets get ready to enter their new life at VMI.

A First Classman introduces a Rat to his new home on the fourth stoop.





Rats make their first attempts at rifle manual.



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South Hill
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Mr. Harder gives a Rat special attention on matriculation day.

A new Rat sentinel team prepares to go on guard.



A Rat and his date enjoy a pleasant walk around the post.

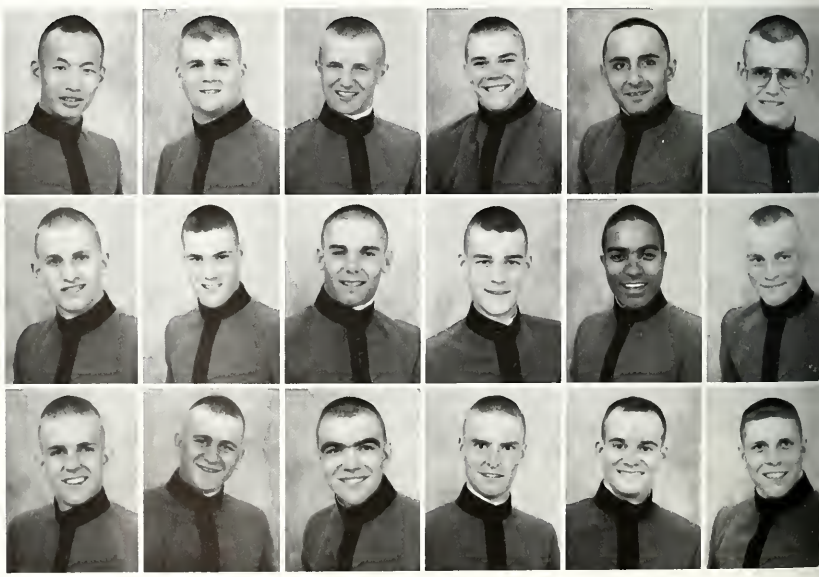
The first impressions of VMI are given to this new cadet.

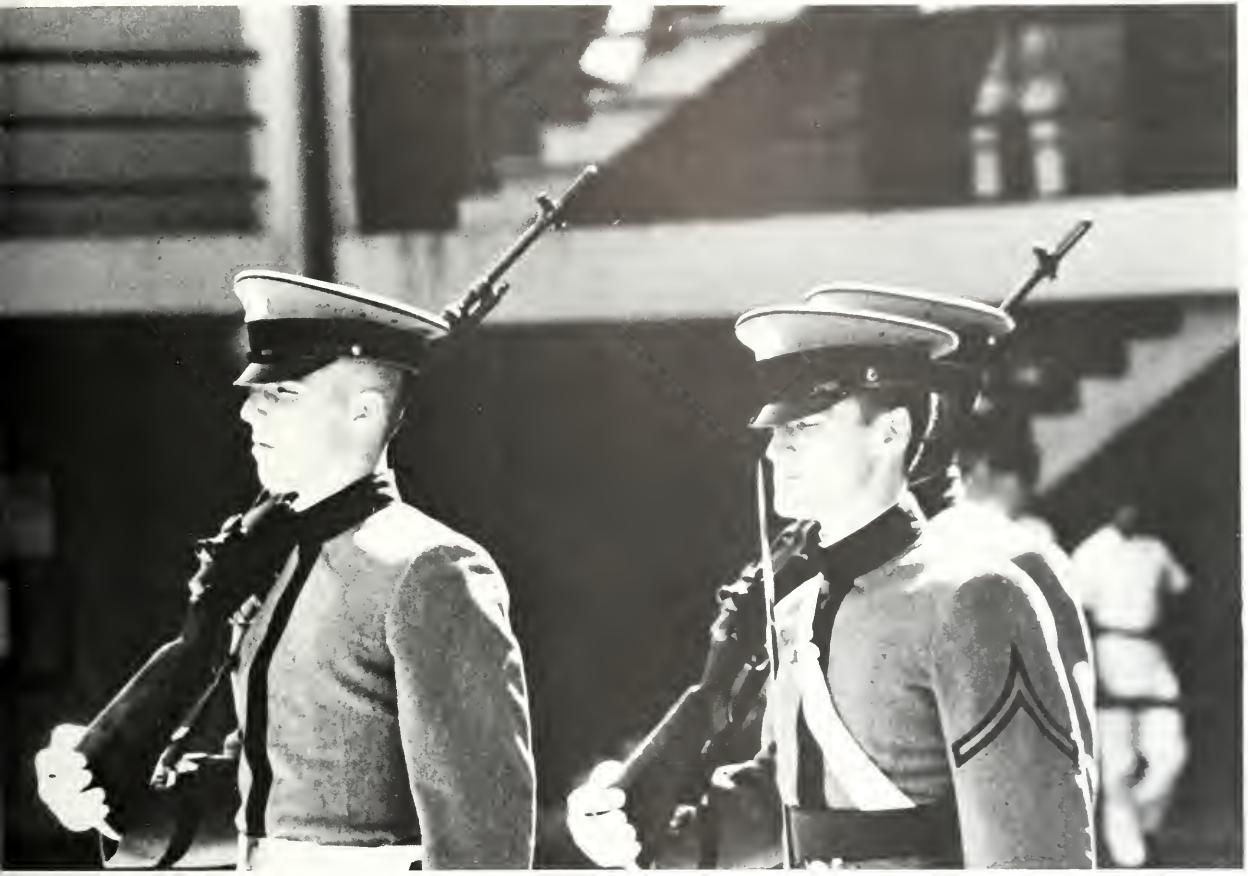


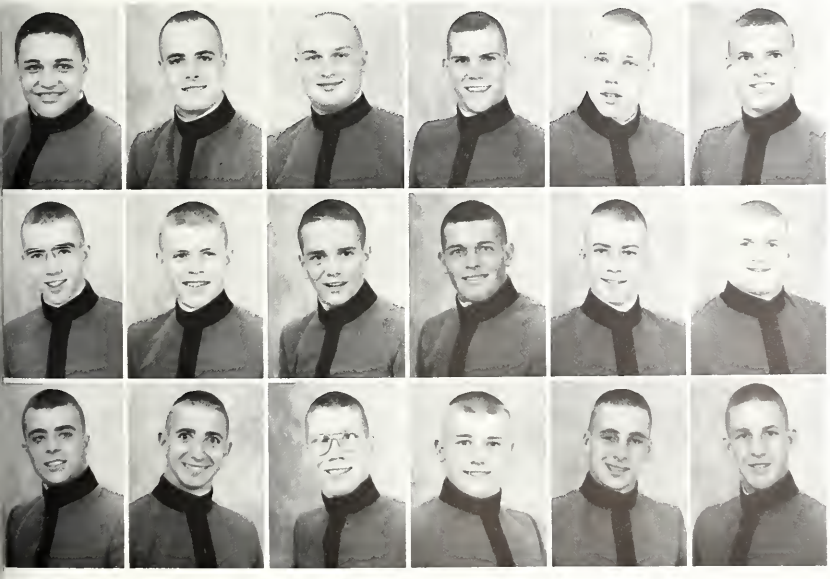
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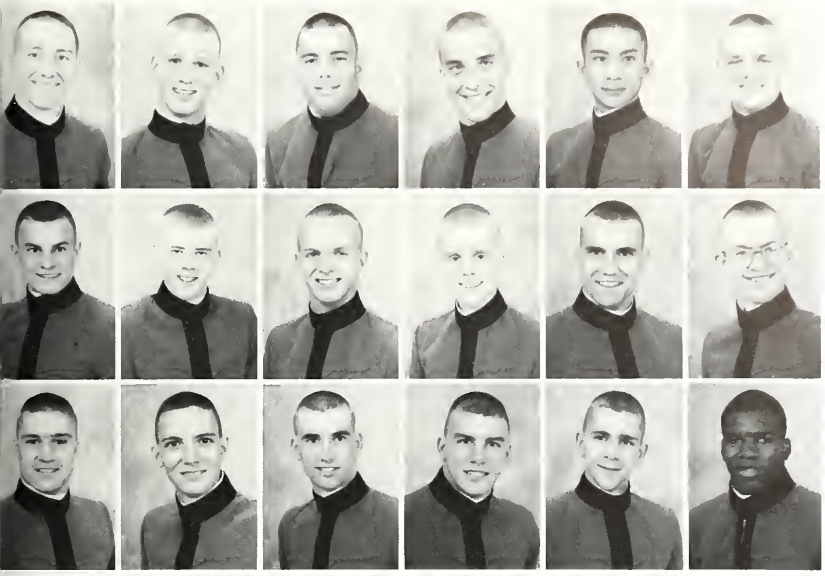
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Jim Keays pauses to pose with two Rats studying their rat bibles.

Two rats try to learn rifle manual during cadre week.





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Olive Branch, MA
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Great Falls
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A Rat is caught in a bad position as an upperclassman enters the room.



After the first RDC meeting on matriculation night, an upperclassman gives a rat a refresher course on straining.

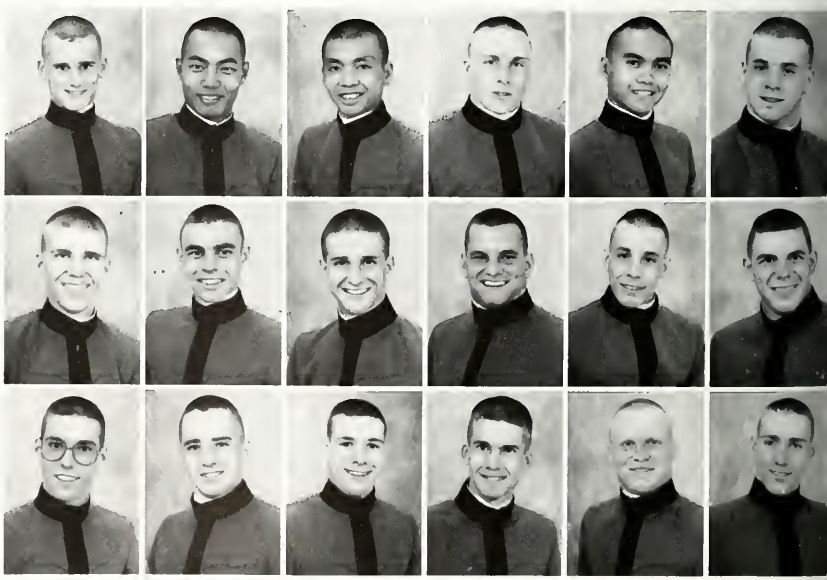
The Rats make their first eyes right in
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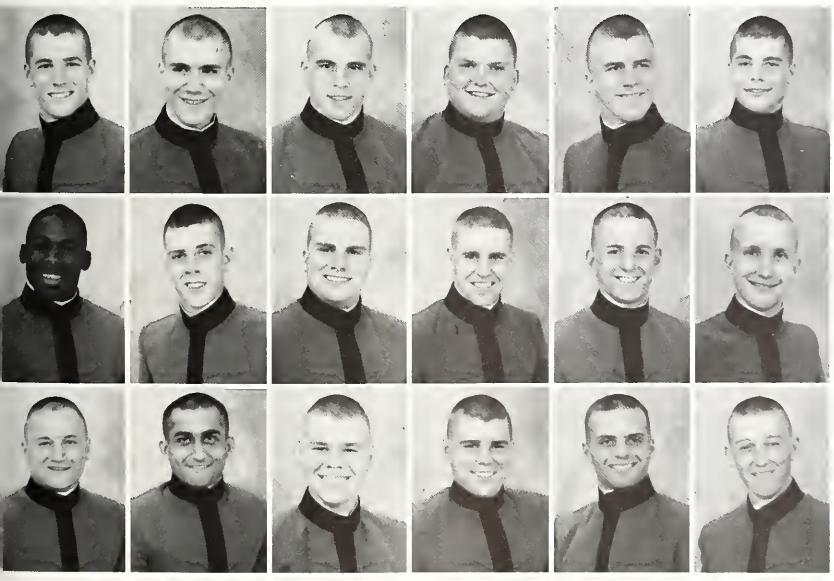
Straining, this Rat waits to see what his cadre corporal has to say.

A Rat anxiously awaits the chance to call home.

The shocking reality of being a Rat hits home.







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State College, PA

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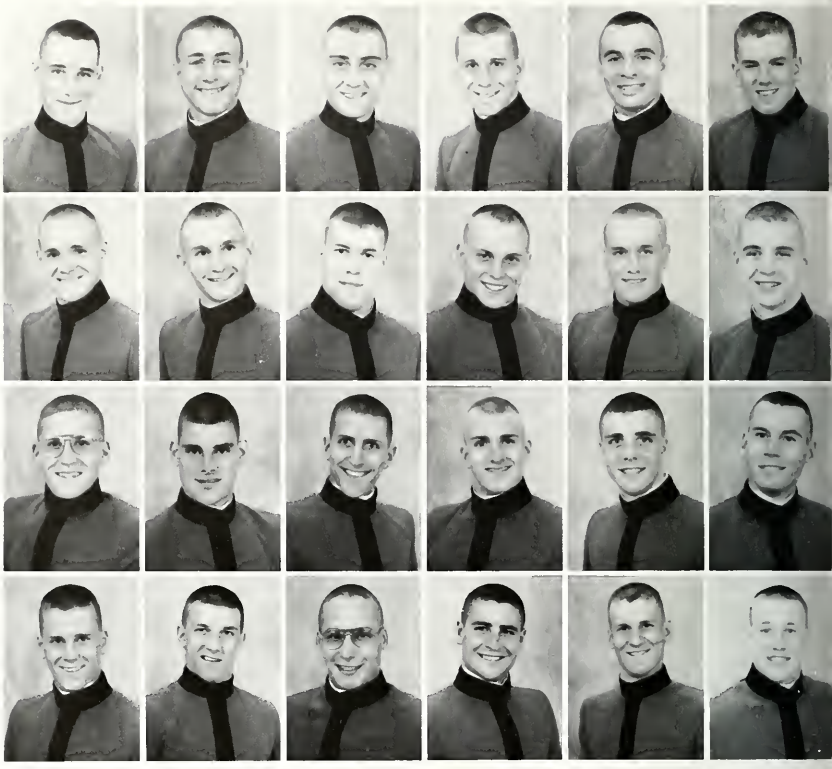
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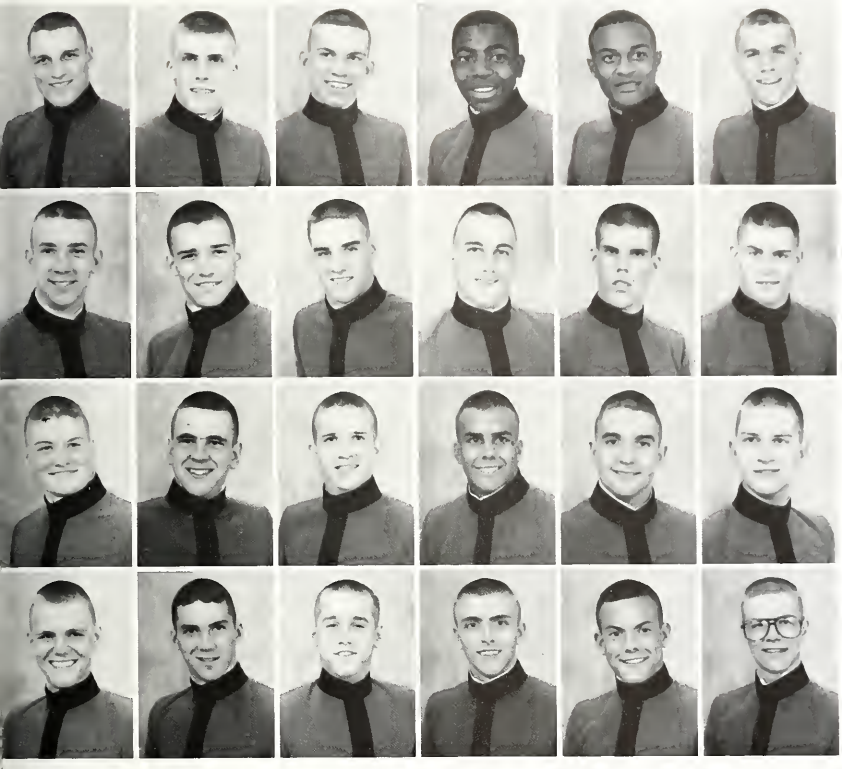
A new cadet moves in.

Rat Simmons demonstrates the "strain."





Rats take a break from a busy day to pose for the camera.



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A Rat learns that VMI table etiquette is a little different from the social norm.

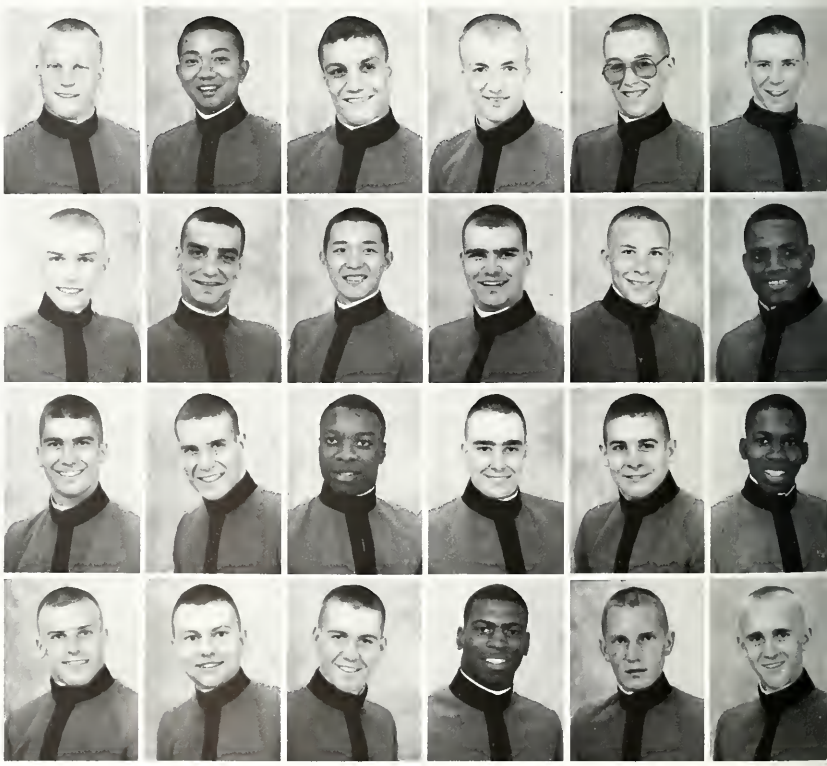


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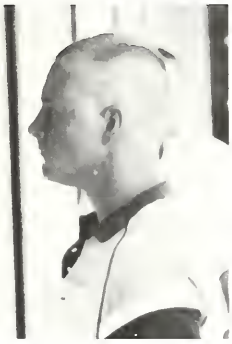
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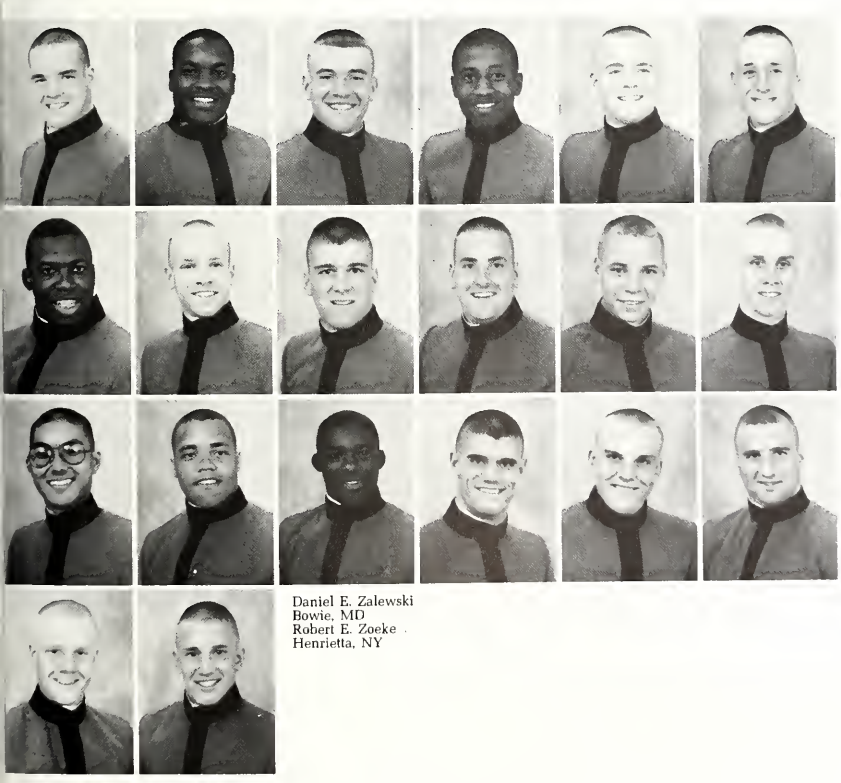


It *ALL* has to go off.

A Rat gets to meet one of his cadre "up close and personal."





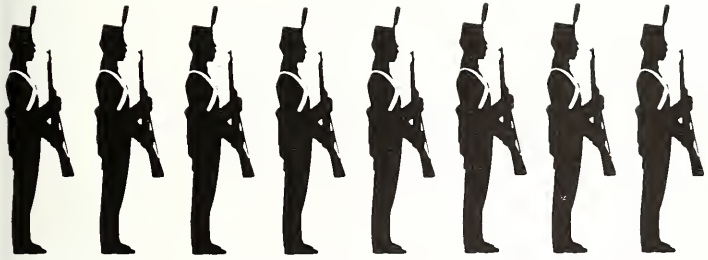


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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
THE HONORABLE CHARLES S. ROBB

Governor Robb

Charles S. Robb has served as the Governor and Commander-in-Chief since his inaugural in 1981. Mr. Robb has a distinguished record as both a statesman and a military officer. From 1961 to 1970 Mr. Robb served with the Marine Corps, gaining the rank of captain. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and the Vietnam Service medal with four stars.



Superintendent

General Sam S. Walker

General Walker was inaugurated as VMI's eleventh superintendent on July 1, 1981. Since that time he has guided VMI through many changes. Since his arrival the Department of Mechanical Engineering has begun, along with an innovative drive for computer literacy at VMI.

General Walker began at VMI but graduated from the USMA and was commisioned as an infantry officer in 1946. He is a veteran of both Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded his first star after 23 years of service and he became a four star general in 1977.

B.G. John W. Knapp

Dean of the Faculty

VMI appointed Brigadier General John W. Knapp this year as Dean of the Faculty. He has served on the faculty for 25 years and been the Civil Engineering Department Chairman for the last five years. He earned his M.S. and PhD degrees at Johns Hopkins University. Among General Knapp's awards are the 1978 Halliburton Education Award for excellence in teaching and the 1979 Bliss Medal of the National Society of American Military Engineers.

General Knapp graduated from VMI in 1954 where he was co-captain and a star of the swim team. He has thirty years of Army Reserve service experience.



B.G. George H. Ripley

Deputy Superintendent

Brigadier General George H. Ripley has been deputy superintendent at VMI since 1978. From 1974 to 1978 he was on Marine Corps assignment at VMI as the first commanding officer of the Navy ROTC program at VMI.

A native of Radford, Va., General Ripley is a 1952 graduate of VMI where he earned a degree in electrical engineering and was a varsity letterman in football.





The Commandant's Office

Col. John W. Cummings began his term as Commandant of the Corps of Cadets this year. His 22 year army career began with his graduation from VMI in 1962. His most recent assignment was Assistant Chief of Staff for operations and training at Ft. Riley, Kansas.



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BIOLOGY





The curricula of the Biology Department is designed for those students who desire to prepare themselves for a career in such biological fields as forestry, marine biology, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and pharmacy.

The department offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science, with the B.A. offering a wider range of courses and the B.S. pursuing specific scientific courses to help the student qualify for admission to medical and dental schools.

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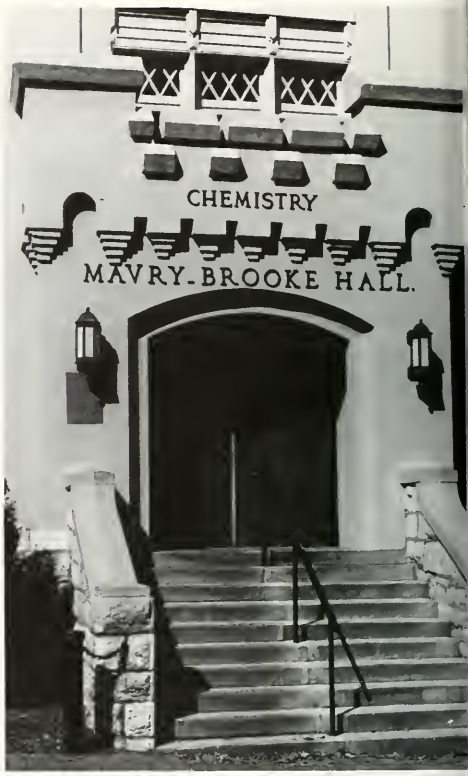
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CHEMISTRY



The Maury-Brooke-Richardson Hall chemistry complex masks an aggressive academic program that encompasses a broad spectrum of courses from general RAT chemistry to laboratory automation, instrumental analysis, and biochemistry.

Support equipment includes instruments and computers to train the "thoroughly modern chemist". Special events include the ongoing summer research program for faculty, cadets, and students from other schools.



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CIVIL ENGINEERING





Civil Engineering is the oldest of the engineering professions and the broadest in scope. It is the parent of all the specialized branches of engineering.

The Civil Engineering curriculum provides a background in science, enginering, and cultural subjects. The laboratories are modern and well equipped with a wide array of special apparatus for individual use.

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Asst. Professor
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Professor







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Asst. Professor
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Professor
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Asst. Professor

ECONOMICS



The Economics curriculum embraces studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree and is designed to provide a fundamental understanding of economic forces and systems. It contains courses that are related to other liberal arts curricula, but emphasis is placed on the structure of the American economy, the development of analytical tools, and the processes of analyzing public policy.



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Professor



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Assoc. Professor



Mr. Mehdi B. Razavi
Instructor



Capt. Daniel L. Redden
Instructor



Capt. Daniel D. Tatar
Instructor

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING





The Electrical Engineering curriculum is designed to acquaint cadets with various specialized electrical engineering problems. A considerable number of cadets enter research and development, utility companies, consulting firms, and government agencies.

The Electrical Engineering department maintains well equipped laboratories and sponsors the VMI student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. There is also a VMI chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, the international honor society in electrical engineering.

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Department Chairman
Professor







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Professor
Maj. Daniel W. Barr
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Lt. Col. John P. Gordon
Assoc. Professor





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Asst. Professor
Col. Richard H. Skutt
Professor





Lt. Col. Kerwin C. Stotz
Assoc. Professor
Lt. Col. Glenn H. Stumpff
Assoc. Professor

ENGLISH



The ability to speak and write clearly and effectively is necessary in just about any occupation. That is exactly where the English curriculum concentrates. English can be the foundation of many careers to include law and business.

Some of the activities in which the English major may participate are the Timmons Music Society, and the English Society, which sponsors a film series and invites important poets, novelists, critics, and artists to VMI to read and discuss their work.



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Professor



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Asst. Professor



Dr. Mary W. Balazs
Asst. Professor



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Professor



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Professor



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Professor



Ms. Loraine M. Ennis
Instructor



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Professor



Mr. Thomas Y. Greet
Asst. Professor



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Instructor

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Asst. Professor



HISTORY





The History curriculum is designed to produce men educated in the responsibilities of citizenship. Consequently, it prepares cadets not only for graduate schools of history or government, but even more importantly, for an occupation where the ability to understand backgrounds, grasp issues, and manage affairs is essential, such as law, business, politics, government service, and the armed forces.

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Department Chairman
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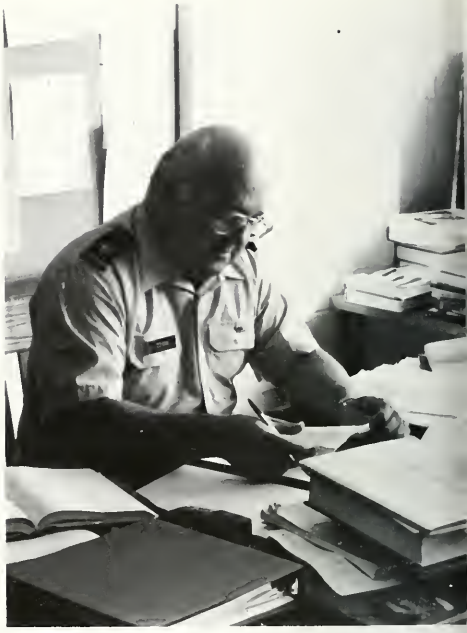
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Asst. Professor
Col. Tyson Wilson
Professor

MATH

The Math Department offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in mathematics. Either of the two curricula can lead to graduate studies or to almost any occupation; however, the B.A. curriculum is arranged for cadets interested in pursuing general education careers in the arts and sciences, while the B.S. curriculum is designed to allow the cadet to develop his interests in scientific fields.



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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING





The Mechanical Engineering curriculum has two main branches: one consists of courses related to energy; the other has courses studying structures and motion in mechanical systems. The curriculum provides backgrounds in science, mathematics, liberal arts, and maximum exposure to electrical and civil engineering. Extensive use is made of the computer facilities at VMI. Laboratories are designed as an extension of classroom work and provide futuristic technological experiments with practical hands-on experience.

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SFC Rodger L. Newman
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SSG Levonzia Royal









MODERN LANGUAGES





The Modern Languages curriculum offers majors in French, Spanish, and German. Courses are designed to enable the cadet to read, write, and speak his major language fluently. He is introduced to the country's literary masterpieces, history, and culture. Students are encouraged to participate in foreign study programs in which they study for a semester at a university in Europe.

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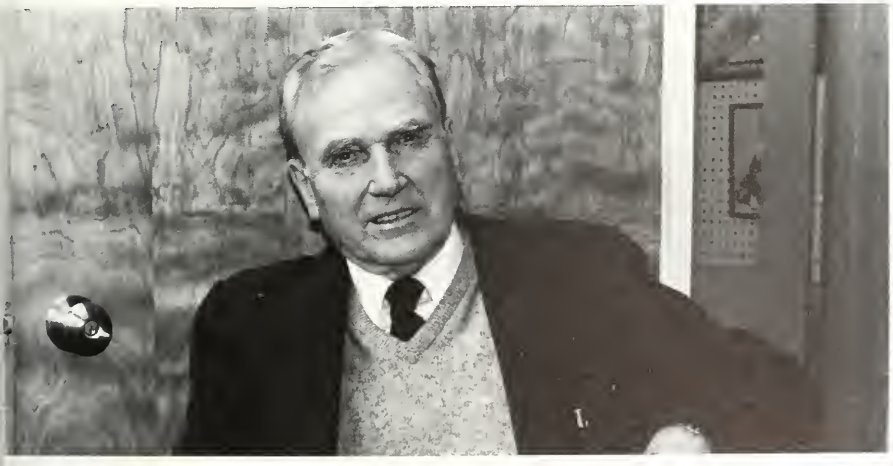
PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY





The Philosophy and Psychology Department offers a total of nine courses in psychology which are generally used as electives in other curricula. Though a major in psychology is not available, cadets may obtain a minor upon completion of the required course work and passing a comprehensive examination. The purpose of this department is to give cadets the understanding required to become successful managers and effective leaders.

Cdr. William G. Hughes
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Professor







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Maj. Richard S. Richarde
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION





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Mr. John A. Mitrovic
Instructor



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Mr. Donald T. White
Instructor



PHYSICS





In the Physics curriculum a cadet learns the basic framework of the fundamental laws of nature. While engaged in the study of physics, one strives towards the perhaps unattainable ideal of a complete understanding of the physical behavior of the universe.

The curriculum has been designed to give the cadet a viable start toward careers in research at government, industrial, or university laboratories or in teaching. Since there is no over-specialization, graduates find themselves qualified for a myriad of opportunities in technical and non-technical fields.

Col. Philip B. Peters
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Professor





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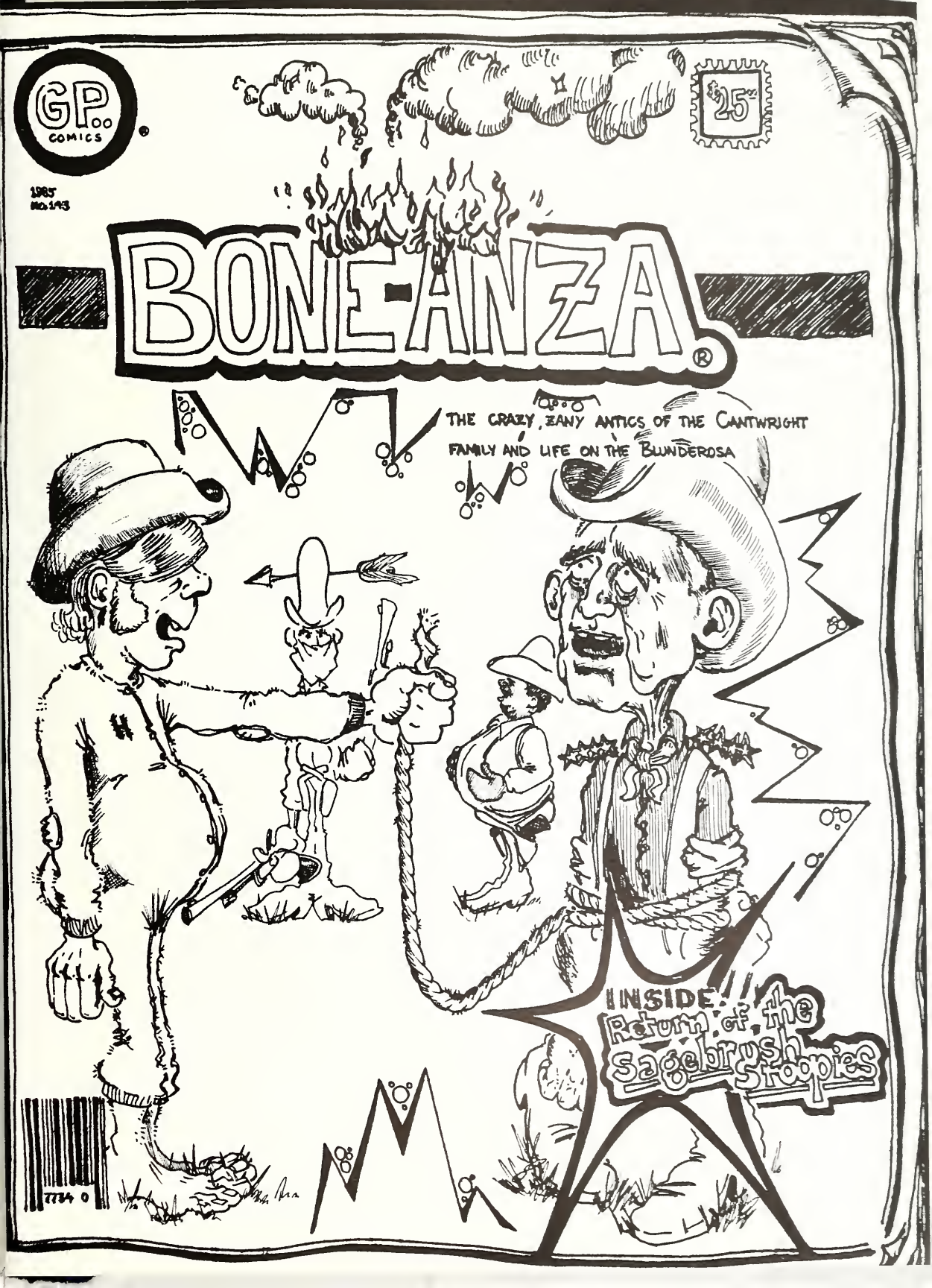


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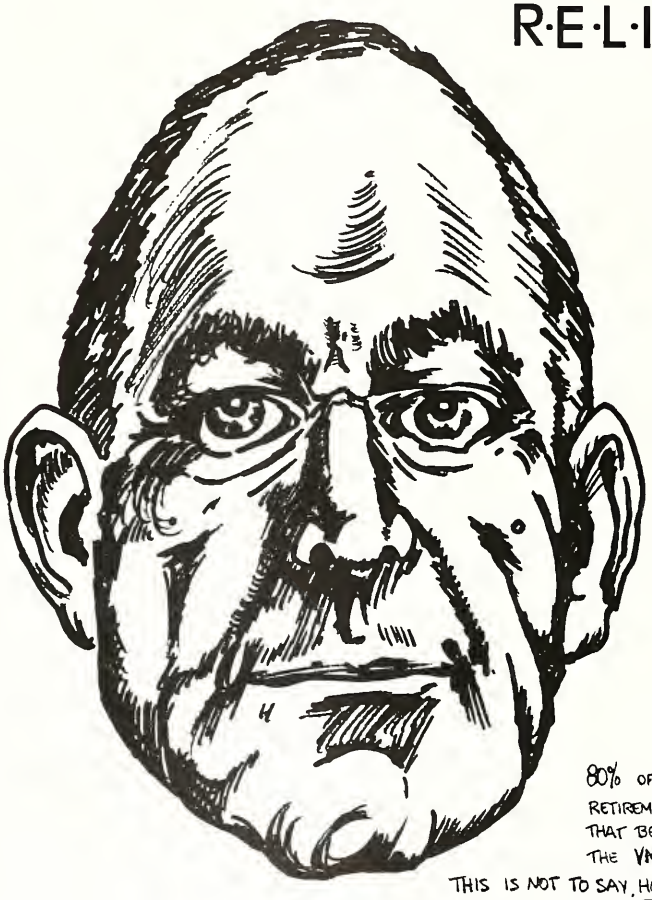

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THIS IS NOT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT PHYSICIANS ARE NEVER WRONG. PERHAPS COL. SPYDER SHOULD HAVE SPELLED RELIEF "R·E·M·A·I·N".

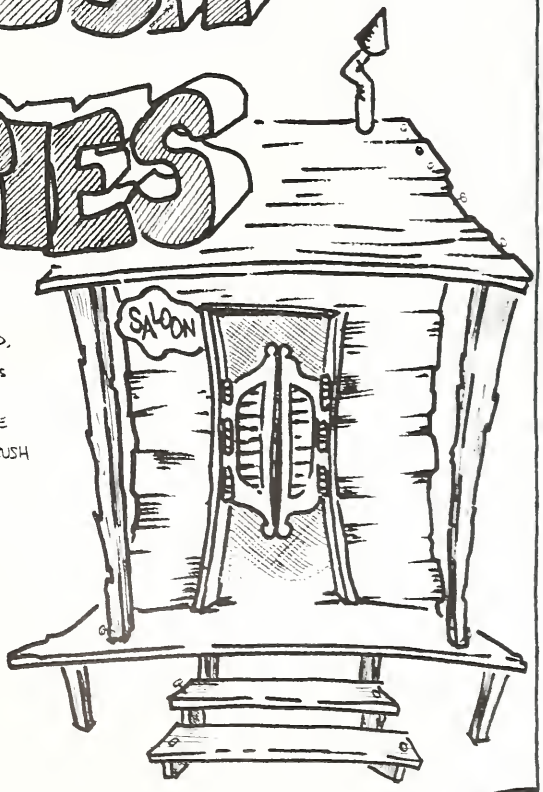
HOW DOES THE CORPS SPELL RELIEF?

"B·U·Z·Z·Y"

BY MF DANIEL

IT HAS BEEN MANY LONG YEARS SINCE SAM CANTRIGHT HERDED-UP THE BOYS AND RAN THESE OUTCASTS OUT OF TOWN. THUS, A TIME OF REGROUPING, RE-ORGANIZING AND ALLY-GATHERING RIPENS LEXINGTOMB FOR ...

the RETURN of the SAGEBRUSH STOOPIES

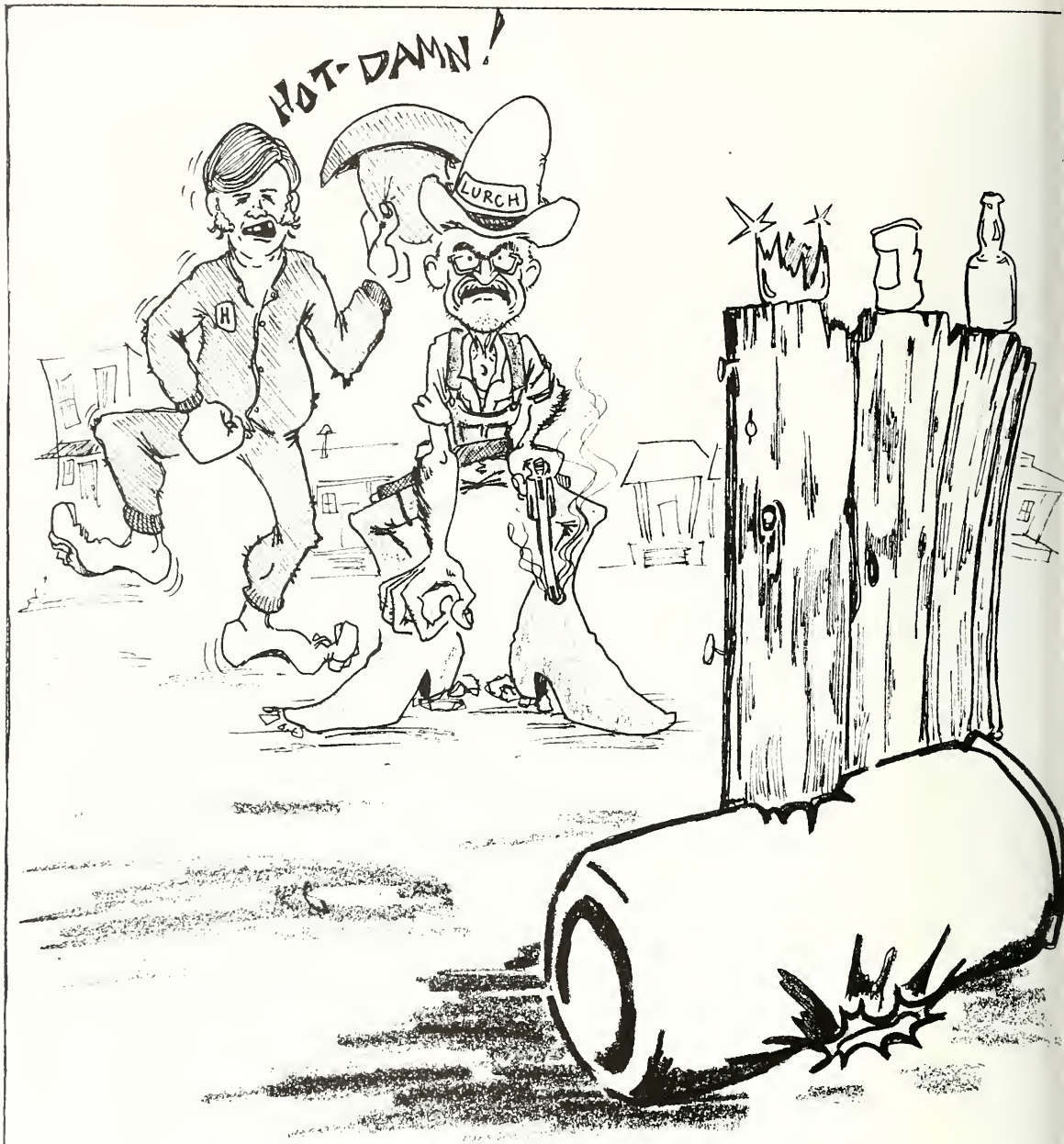


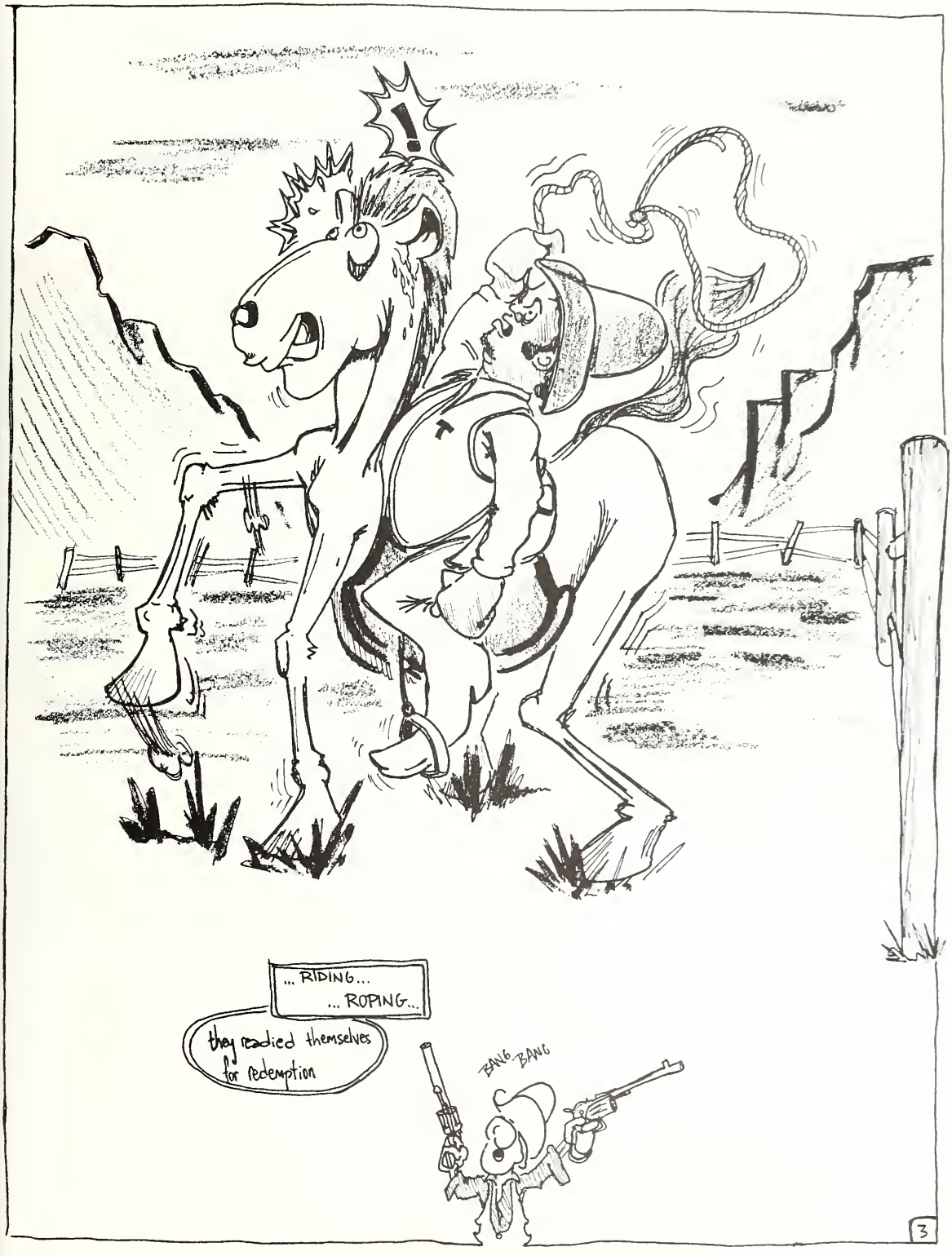
ONCE RESPECTED JANITORS IN THE FINE SOUTHERN CITY OF LEXINGTOMB, THE STOOPIES HAVE BEEN BANISHED, BRANDED, EXILED FROM THE BUSTLING BOOMTOWN STREETS OF THIS NEPOTIC VIRGINIA CITY.

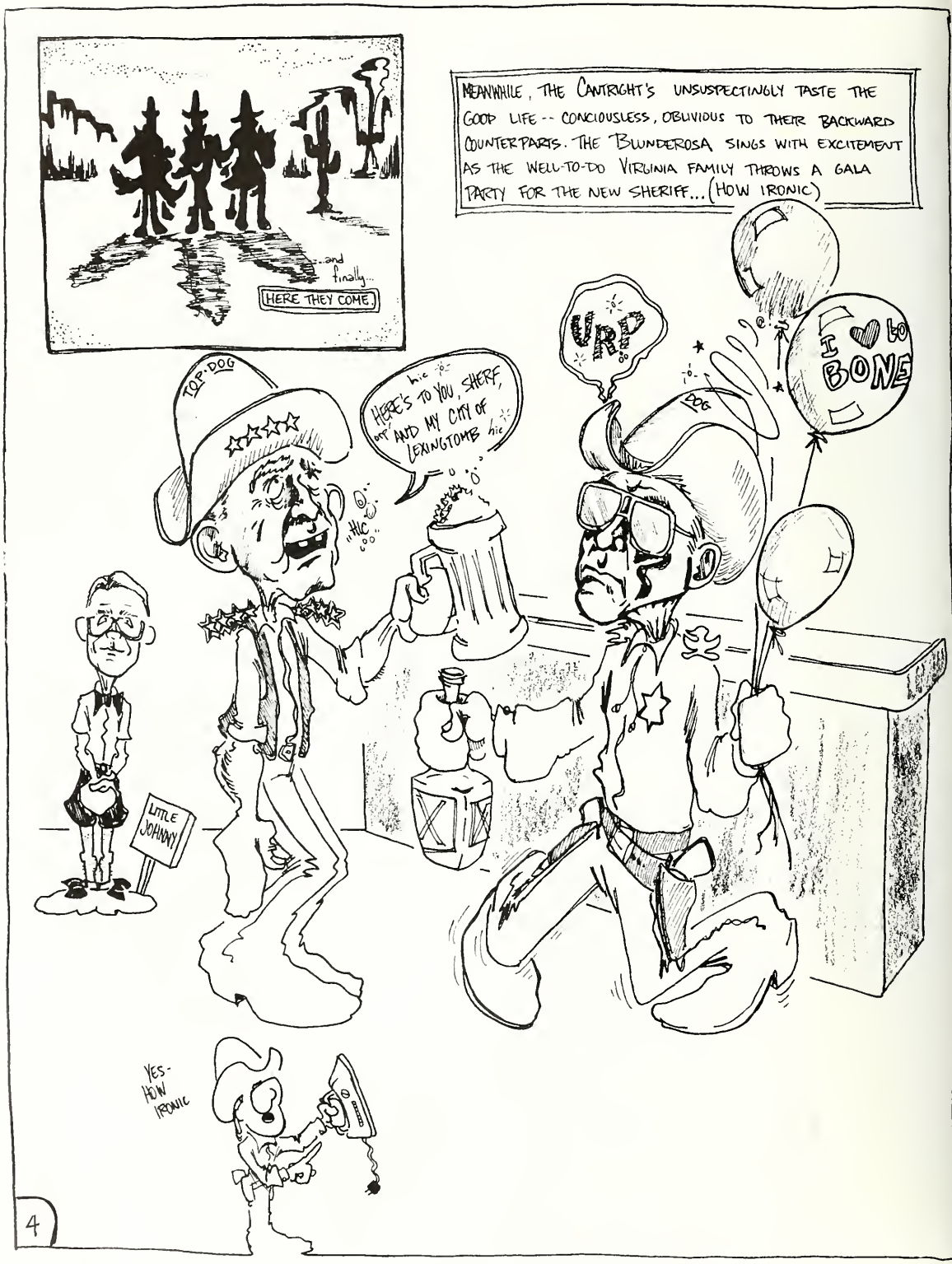
EVER SINCE RUN OUT OF LEXINGTOMB BY SAM, HOSS, LITTLE JOHNNY AND BUCK, (THE CANTRIGHT BOYS), THE SAGEBRUSH STOOPIES SEETHE WITH ANGER, ACHE FOR REVENGE...

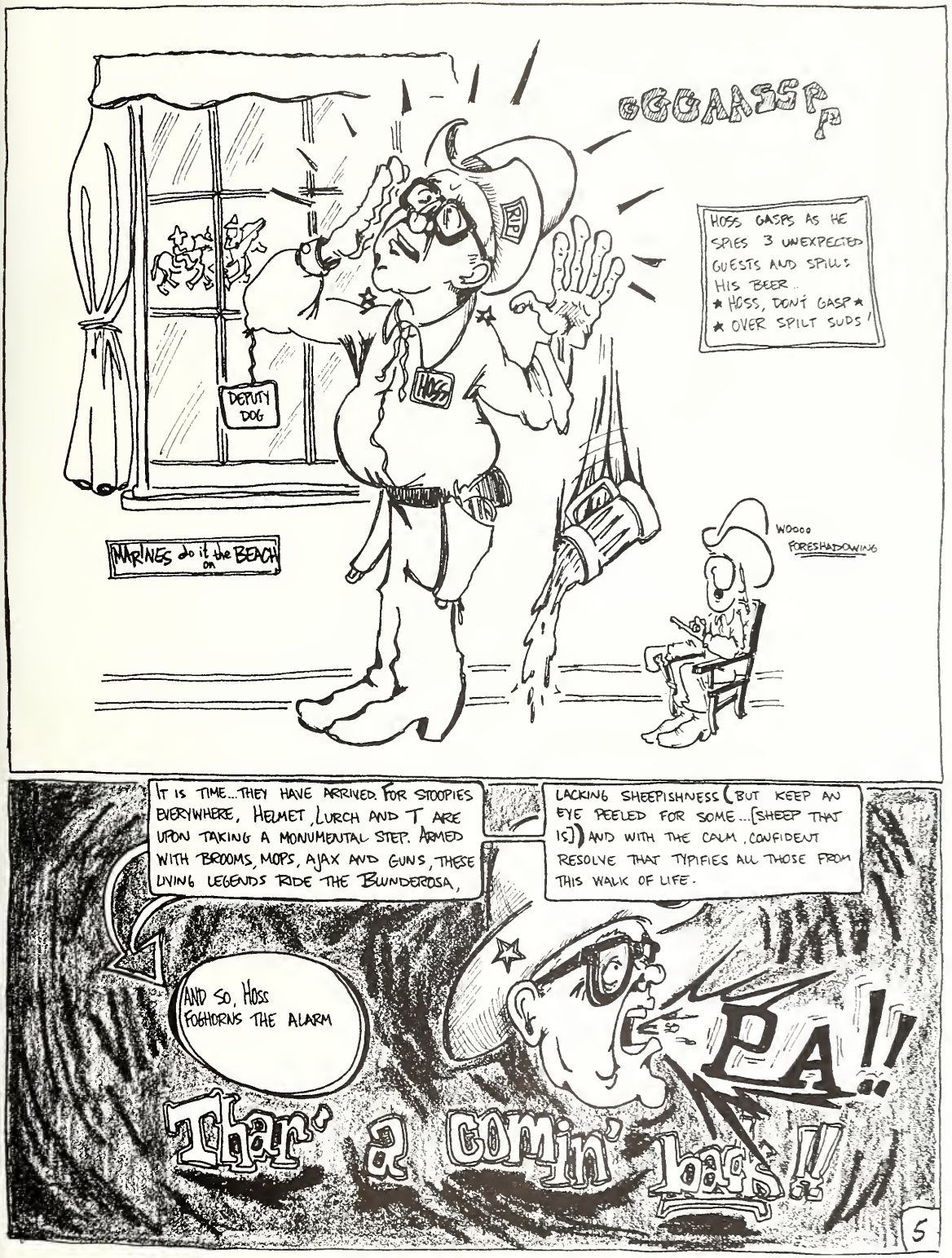
... AND SO THE BUMBLING TRIO SEEK PAYBACK FOR THEIR HUMILIATING DISMISSAL...

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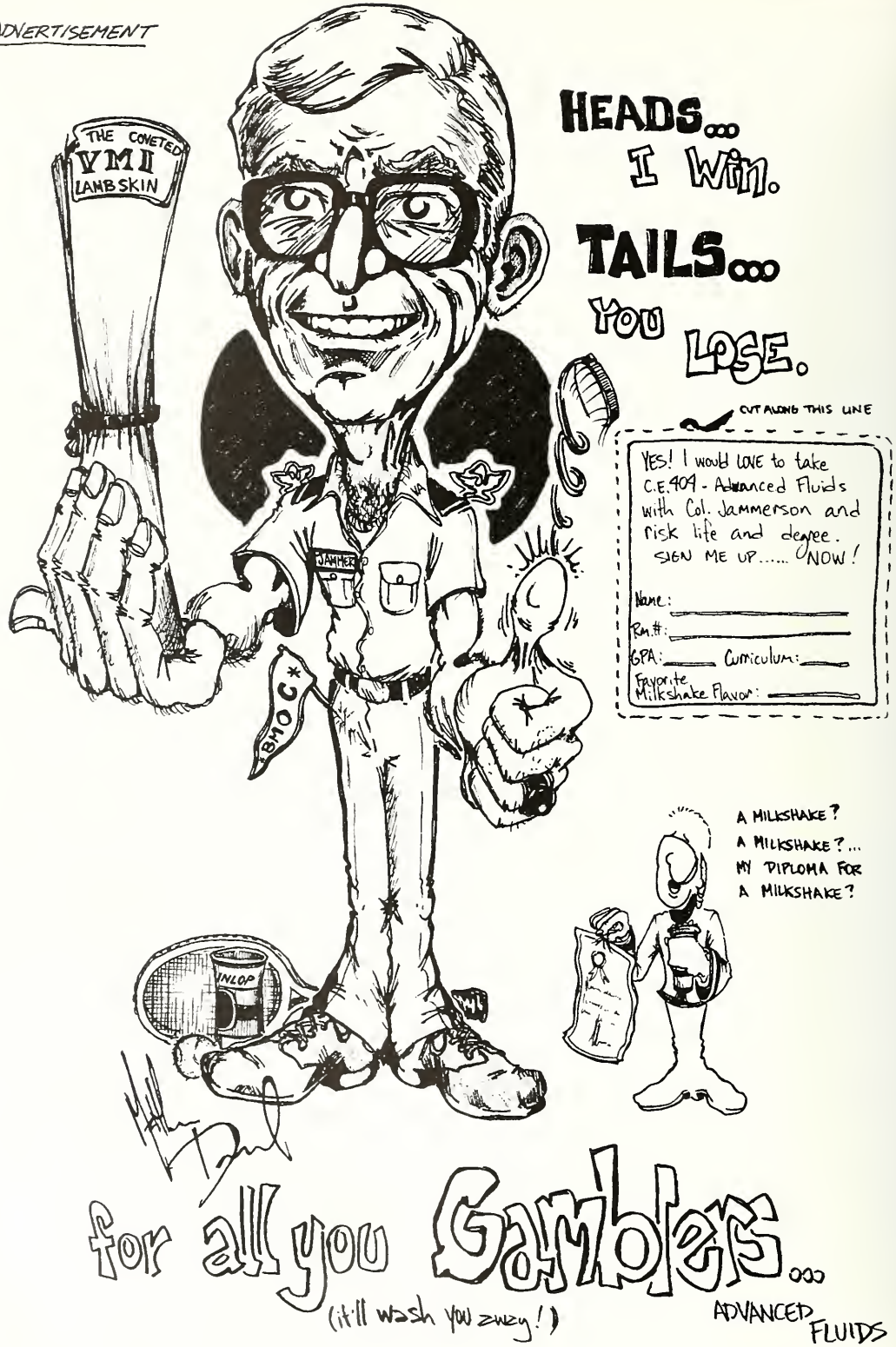

HOT-DAMN!
LURCH
WORKING HARD, THE THREE STOOPIES PREPARED THEMSELVES.
... SHOOTING..
2

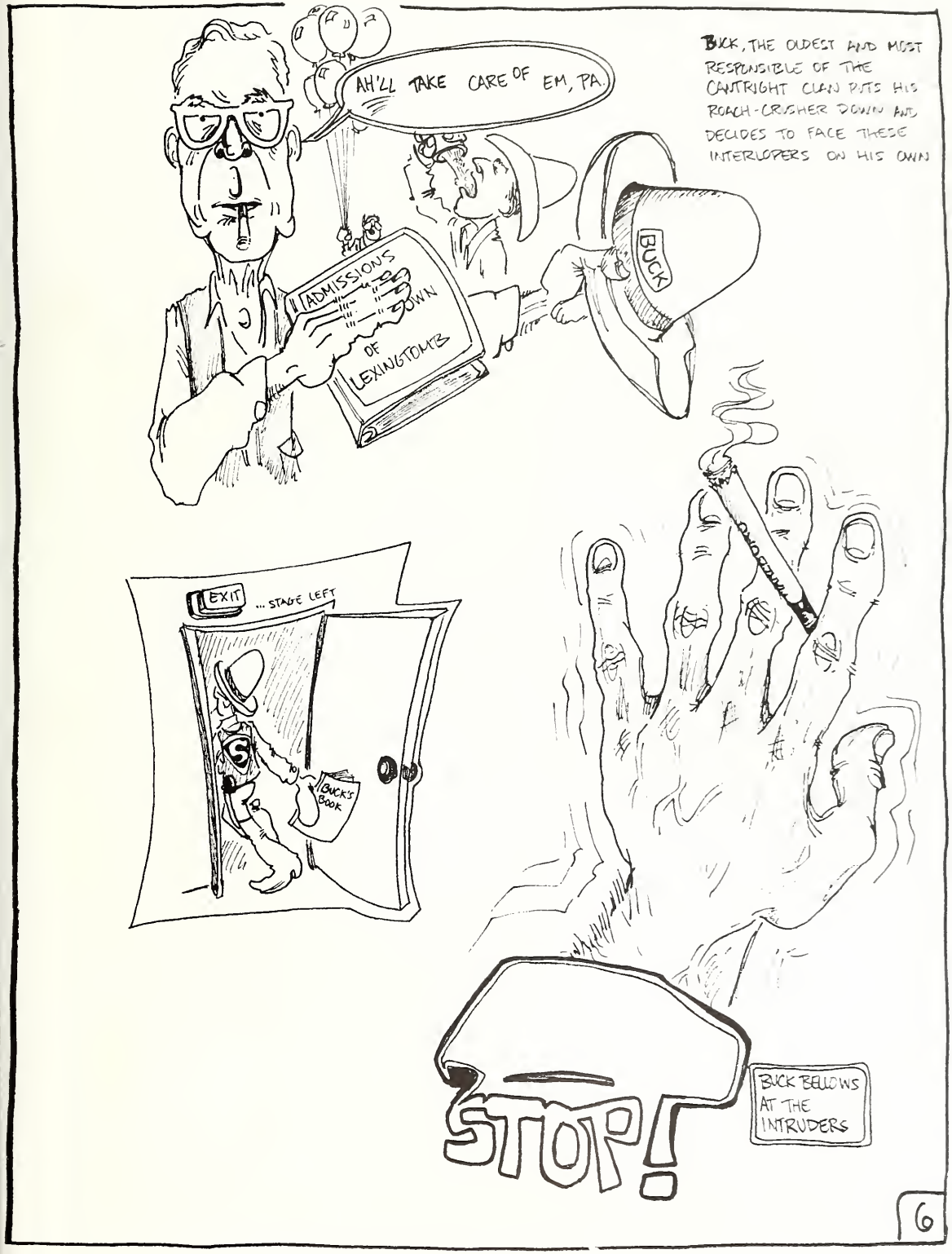

... RIDING...
... ROPING...
they readied themselves for redemption
BANG BANG
3

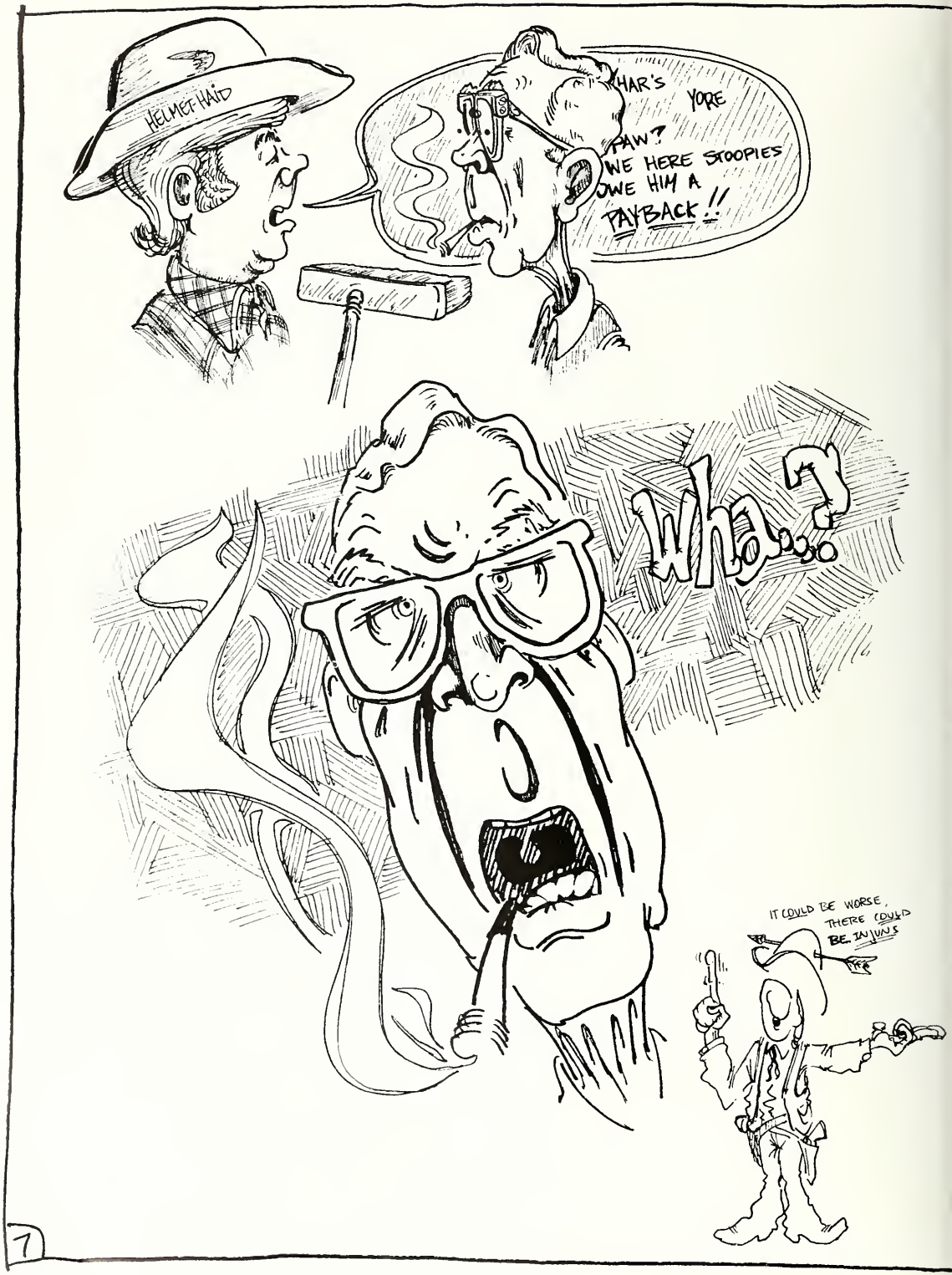

...and finally...
HERE THEY COME.
MEANWHILE, THE CANTRIGHT'S UNSUSPECTINGLY TASTE THE GOOD LIFE -- CONCIOUSLESS, OBLIVIOUS TO THEIR BACKWARD COUNTERPARTS. THE BLUNDEROSA SINGS WITH EXCITEMENT AS THE WELL-TO-DO VIRGINIA FAMILY THROWS A GALA PARTY FOR THE NEW SHERIFF... (HOW IRONIC)
TOP-DOG
HERE'S TO YOU, SHERF, AND MY CITY OF LEXINGTOMB
hic
VRP
I ♥ to BONE
LITTLE JOHNNY
YES- HOW IRONIC
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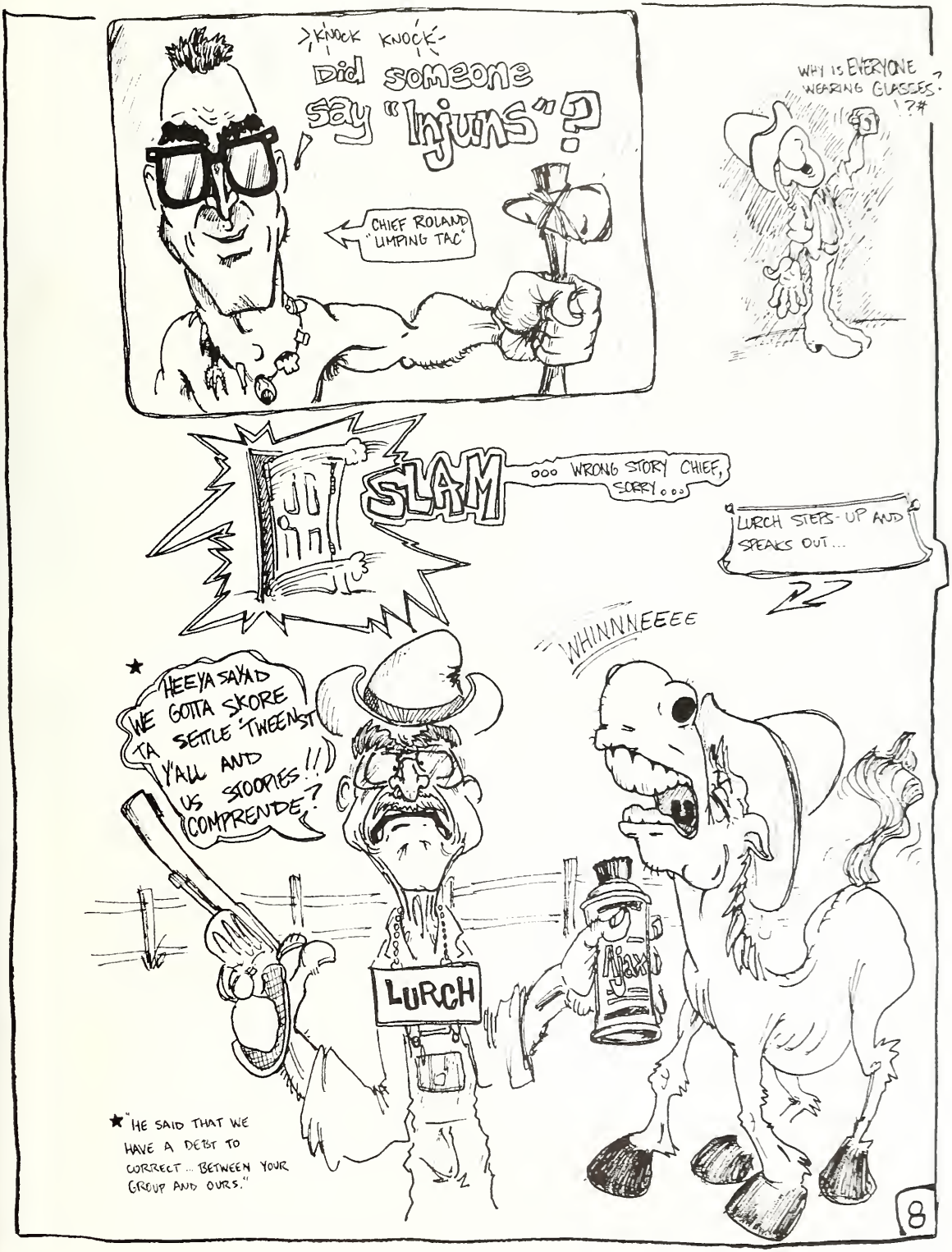

GGGASP
HOSS GASPS AS HE SPIES 3 UNEXPECTED GUESTS AND SPILLS HIS BEER..
★ HOSS, DON'T GASP ★
★ OVER SPILT SUDS!
RIP
HOSS
DEPUTY DOG
MARINES do it on the BEACH
WOooo FORESHADOWING
IT IS TIME...THEY HAVE ARRIVED. FOR STOOPIES EVERYWHERE, HELMET, LURCH AND T ARE UPON TAKING A MONUMENTAL STEP. ARMED WITH BROOMS, MOPS, AJAX AND GUNS, THESE LIVING LEGENDS RIDE THE BUNDEROSA,
LACKING SHEEPISHNESS (BUT KEEP AN EYE PEELED FOR SOME...[SHEEP THAT IS]) AND WITH THE CALM, CONFIDENT RESOLVE THAT TYPIFIES ALL THOSE FROM THIS WALK OF LIFE.
AND SO, HOSS FOGHORNS THE ALARM
PA!!
Thar' a comin' boys!!
5

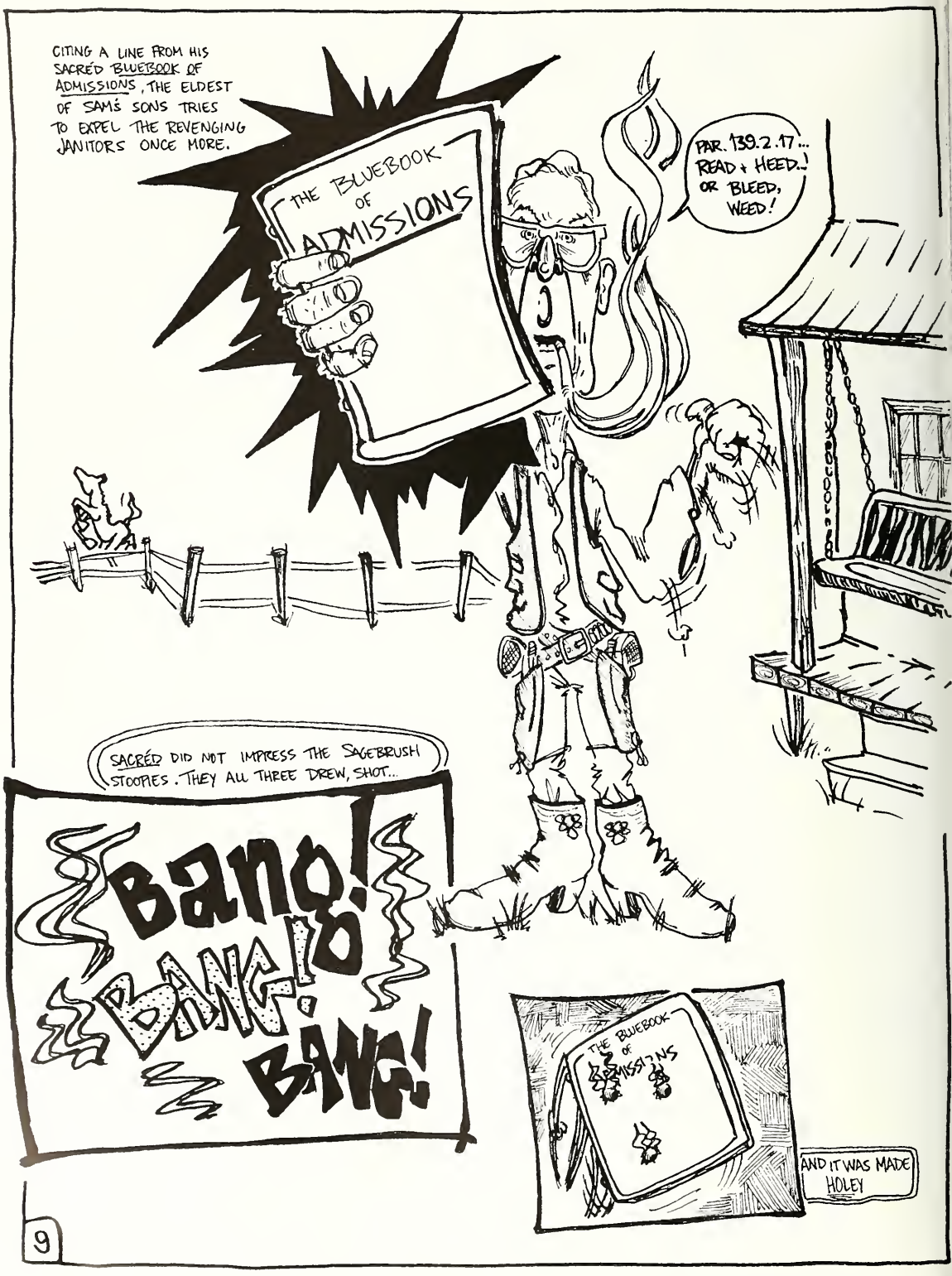
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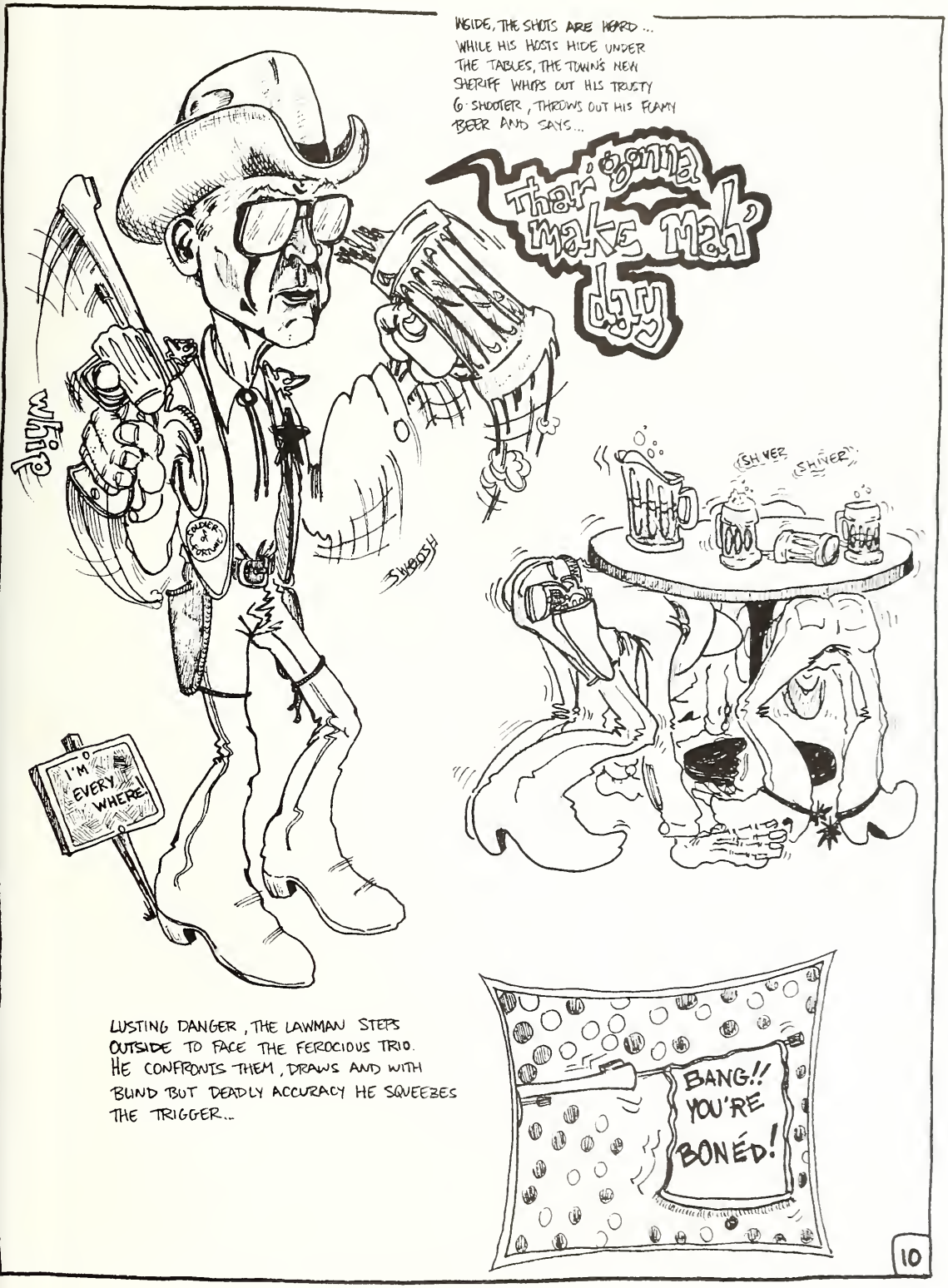


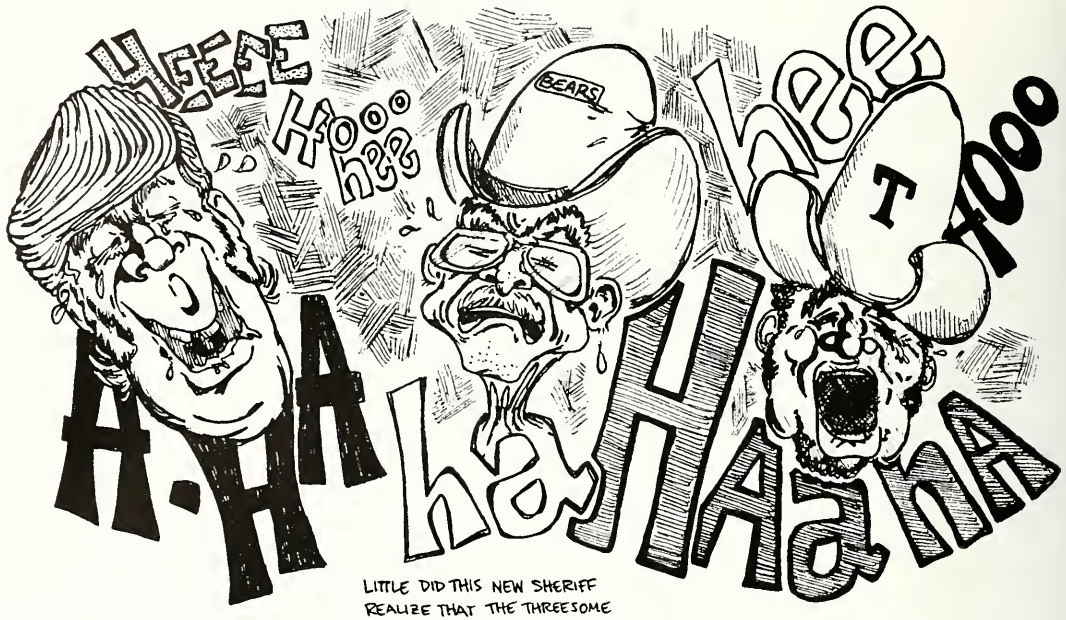

BUCK, THE OLDEST AND MOST RESPONSIBLE OF THE CANTRIGHT CLAN PUTS HIS ROACH-CRUSHER DOWN AND DECIDES TO FACE THESE INTERLOPERS ON HIS OWN
AH'LL TAKE CARE OF EM, PA
ADMISSIONS OF LEXINGTONS
BUCK
EXIT ... STAGE LEFT
BUCK'S BOOK
STOP!
BUCK BELLOWS AT THE INTRUDERS
6


HELMET HAIR
HAR'S YORE PAW? WE HERE STOOPIES OWE HIM A PAYBACK!!
Whaaa?
IT COULD BE WORSE, THERE COULD BE INJUNS
7


KNOCK KNOCK-
Did someone say "Injuns"?
CHIEF ROLAND "LIMPING TAC"
WHY IS EVERYONE WEARING GLASSES? !?#
SLAM
ooo WRONG STORY CHIEF, SORRY ooo
LURCH STEPS UP AND SPEAKS OUT...
WHINNNEEEE
HEEYA SAYAD WE GOTTA SKORE TA SETTLE 'TWEENST Y'ALL AND US STOOPIES!! COMPRENDE?
LURCH
Max
★"HE SAID THAT WE HAVE A DEBT TO CORRECT... BETWEEN YOUR GROUP AND OURS."
8


CITING A LINE FROM HIS SACRED BLUEBOOK OF ADMISSIONS, THE ELDEST OF SAM'S SONS TRIES TO EXPEL THE REVENGING JANITORS ONCE MORE.
THE BLUEBOOK OF ADMISSIONS
PAR. 139.2.17... READ + HEED..! OR BLEED, WEED!
SACRED DID NOT IMPRESS THE SAGEBRUSH STOOPIES. THEY ALL THREE DREW, SHOT...
Bang!
BANG!
Bang!
THE BLUEBOOK OF ADMISSIONS
AND IT WAS MADE HOLEY
9


INSIDE, THE SHOTS ARE HEARD ... WHILE HIS HOSTS HIDE UNDER THE TABLES, THE TOWN'S NEW SHERIFF WHIPS OUT HIS TRUSTY 6-SHOOTER, THROWS OUT HIS FOAMY BEER AND SAYS...
Thar gonna make mah day
Whip
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
SLOSH!
I'M EVERY WHERE
(SHIVER)
(SHIVER)
LUSTING DANGER, THE LAWMAN STEPS OUTSIDE TO FACE THE FEROCIOUS TRIO. HE CONFRONTS THEM, DRAWS AND WITH BLIND BUT DEADLY ACCURACY HE SQUEEZES THE TRIGGER...
BANG!! YOU'RE BONED!
10



LITTLE DID THIS NEW SHERIFF
REALIZE THAT THE THREESOME
HOLDS IMMUNITY TO THIS WEAPON
THEY CANNOT BEAR TO HOLD IN THEIR HYUCKS.

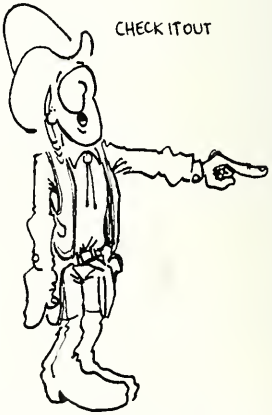
THE GUFFAW-ING SUBSIDES. IT IS THEIR HOUR, THEY HAVE TAKEN THE BLUNDEROSA; NO ONE STANDS IN THEIR PATH... NO BONING SHERIFF, NO NON-ADMITTING SON, NO NON-FACE SHOWING WEALTHY LAND-OWNER. THEY'VE AVENGED THEIR DISHONOR; THEY'VE SENT THE CANTRIGHT'S RUNNING.

STOOPIES EVERYWHERE MAY NOW BREATHE EASY...

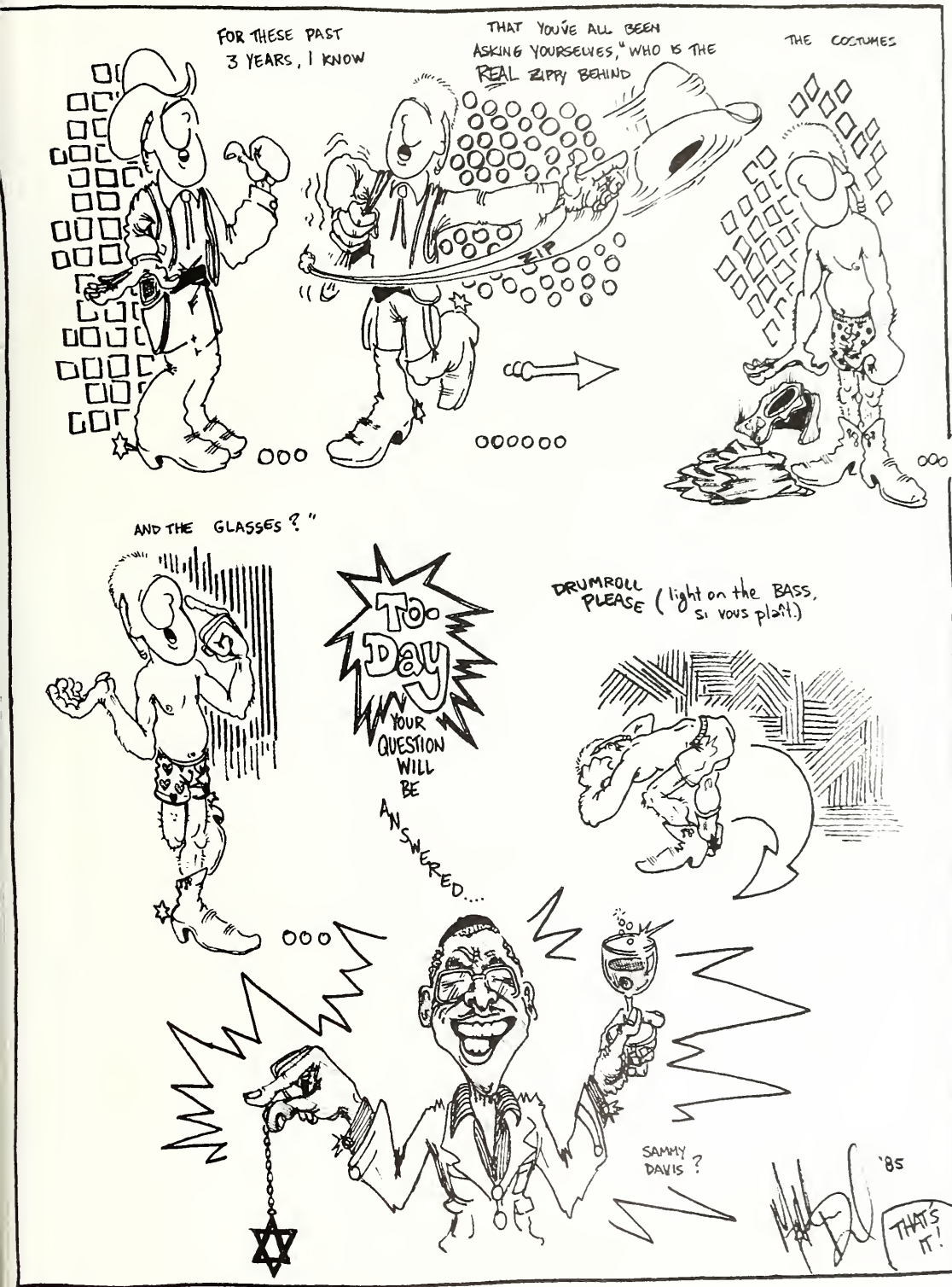
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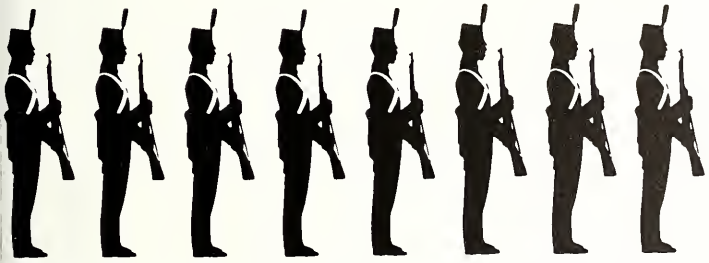


THE END



11


FOR THESE PAST 3 YEARS, I KNOW
THAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN ASKING YOURSELVES, "WHO IS THE REAL ZIPPY BEHIND
THE COSTUMES
ZIP
AND THE GLASSES?"
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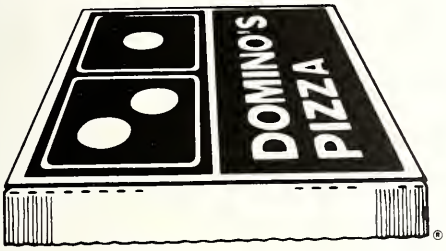
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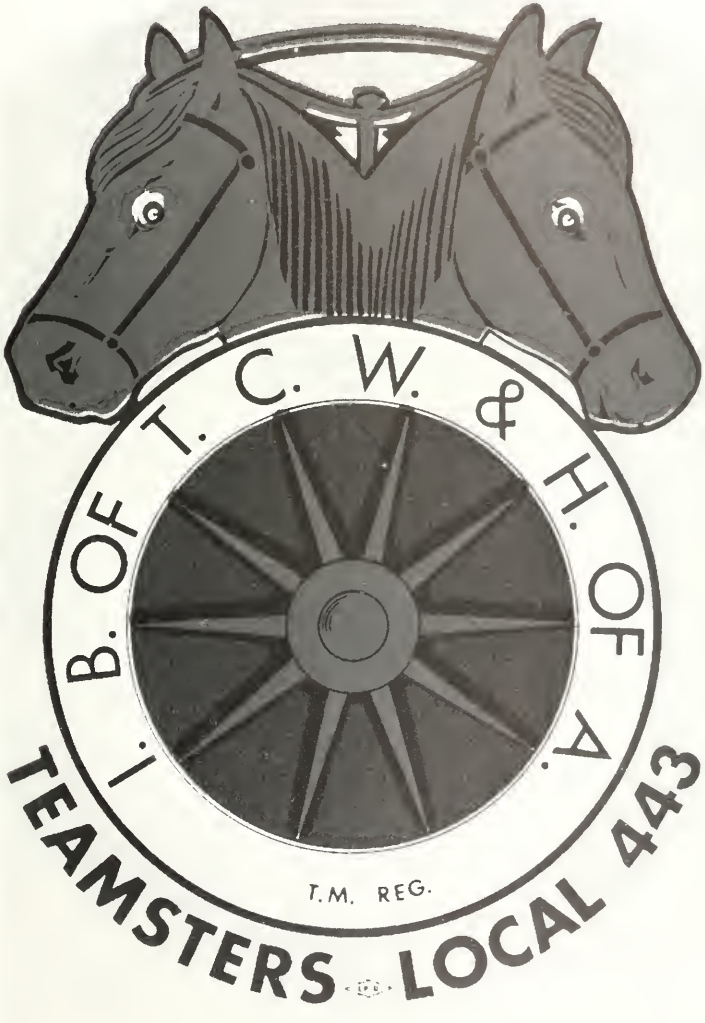
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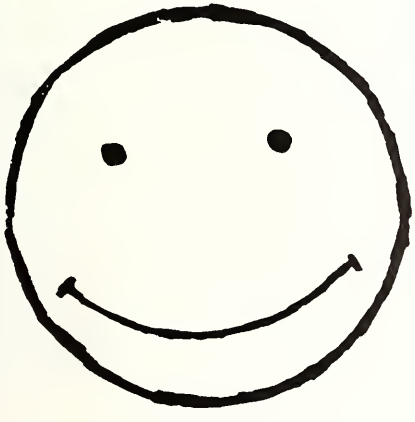
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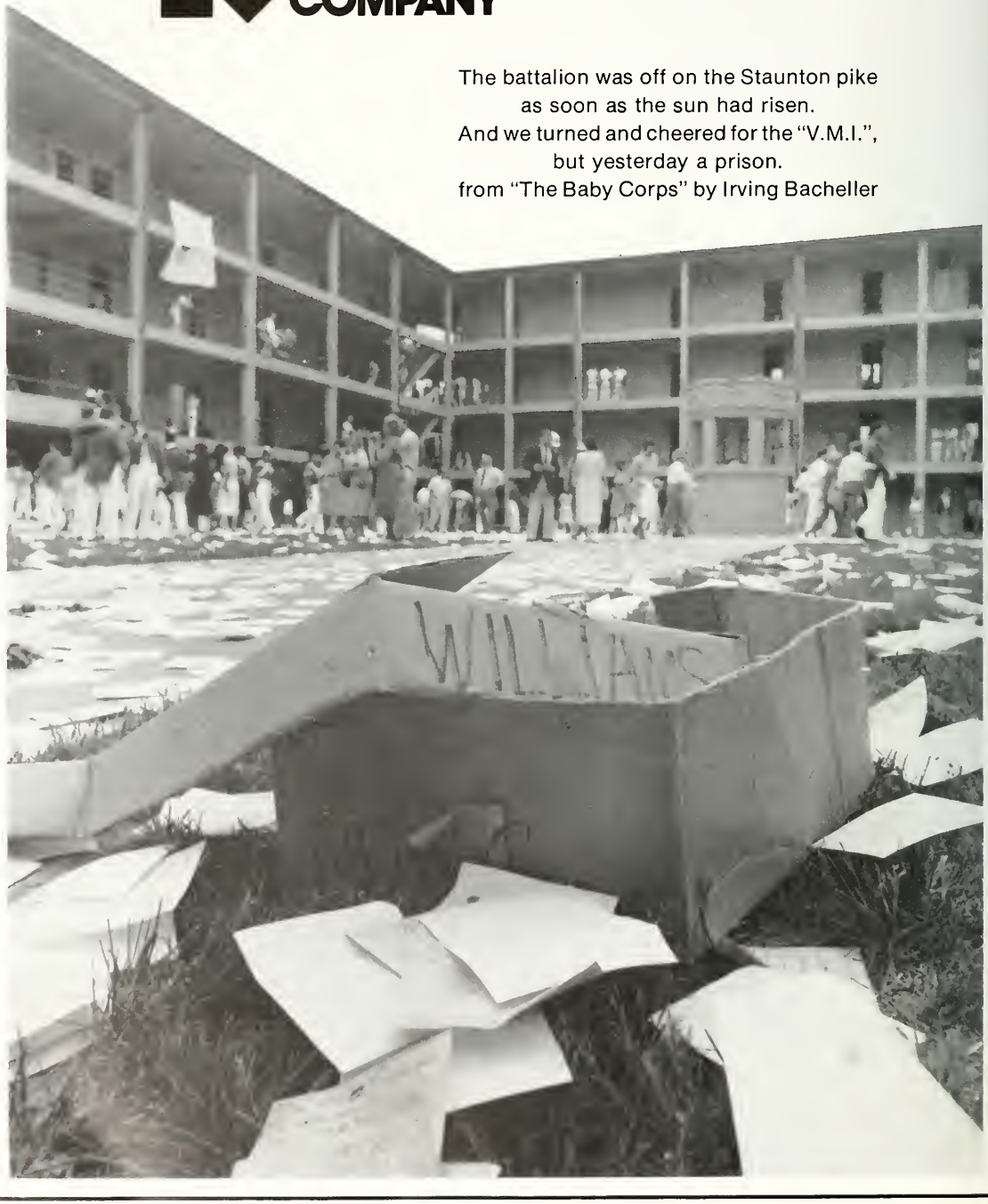


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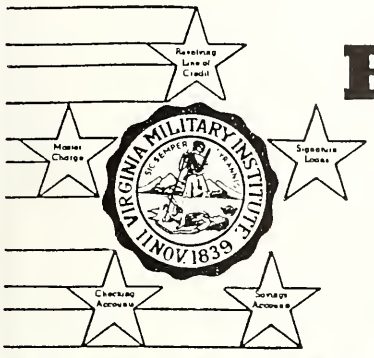
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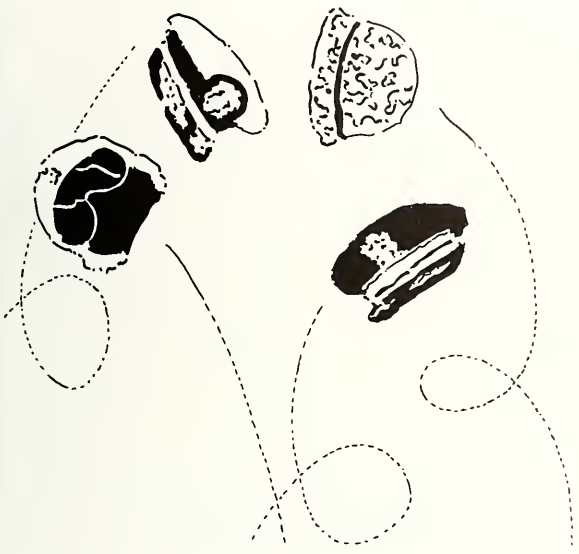
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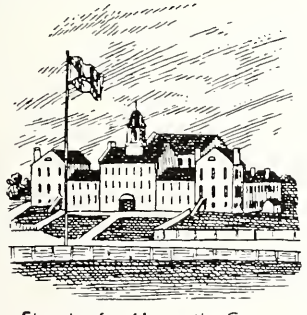
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"We came expecting a battle; we were not disappointed."

– Charles Anderson, Cadet, Virginia Military Institute, Battle of New Market, May 15, 1864

The ragged Confederate veterans camped south of New Market, Va., hadn't seen anything like it since they went to war three years before: more than 200 neat, gray-clad young men, all carrying the same kind of rifle, marching in perfect time to the music of fife and drum. Too young, the veterans thought. Some were just boys, barely 15. They would turn and run at the first fire.

But these weren't just any boys. This was the Corps of Cadets from Virginia Military Institute, "The West Point of the Confederacy," called out to help turn back a Union army moving up the Shenandoah Valley. Now they halted and waited in the rain, standing on blistered feet, about to get their wish for their first real action.



Shortly after 11 a.m. the Confederate battle line moved out. Even in the Cadet's reserve position at the rear, Union artillery and rifle fire took its toll. The Cadets saw violent death for the first time, but they closed ranks and kept moving. Lightning and thunder from passing rainstorms added to the flash and roar of the battle. Their fine uniforms splattered with mud and blood—grim reminders of the Union barrage—they slogged through ankle-deep mire.



Then a dangerous gap opened in the center of the Confederate line. Only the VMI Cadets were left to plug it. Now it was the Confederate commanding officer's turn to ask, "Will they stand?" There was only one way to find out; he sent them into the gap.

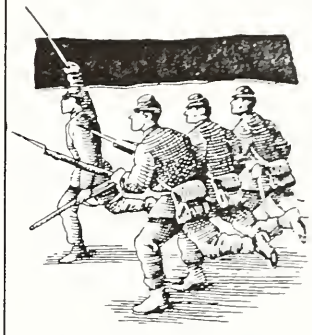
Subjected for the first time to the full fury of the Union guns, the Cadets helped fight off an infantry attack, then leaped forward with the Confederate line to turn the Union withdrawal into a rout. They took prisoners; they captured food, clothing, and arms, among them—and the high point of their day—a Union artillery piece.

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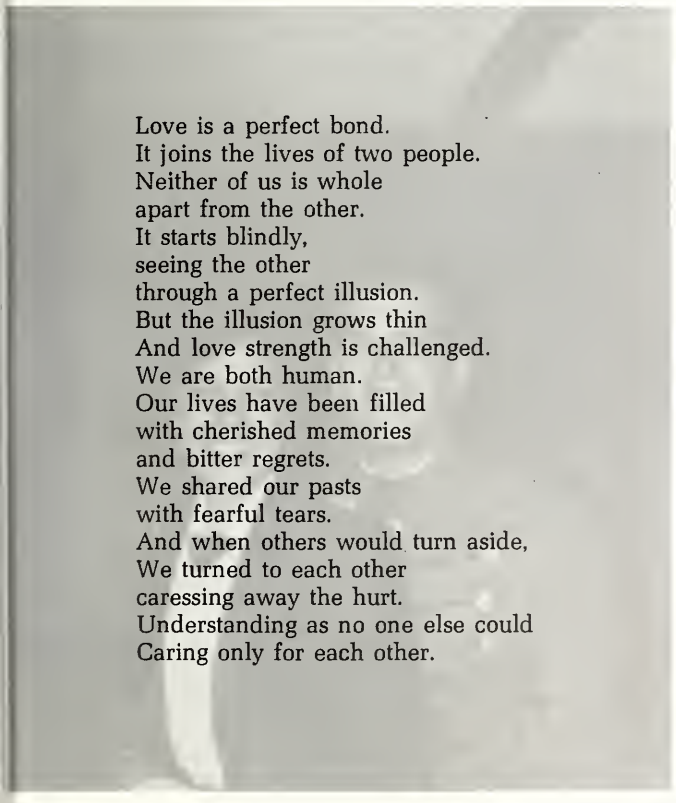
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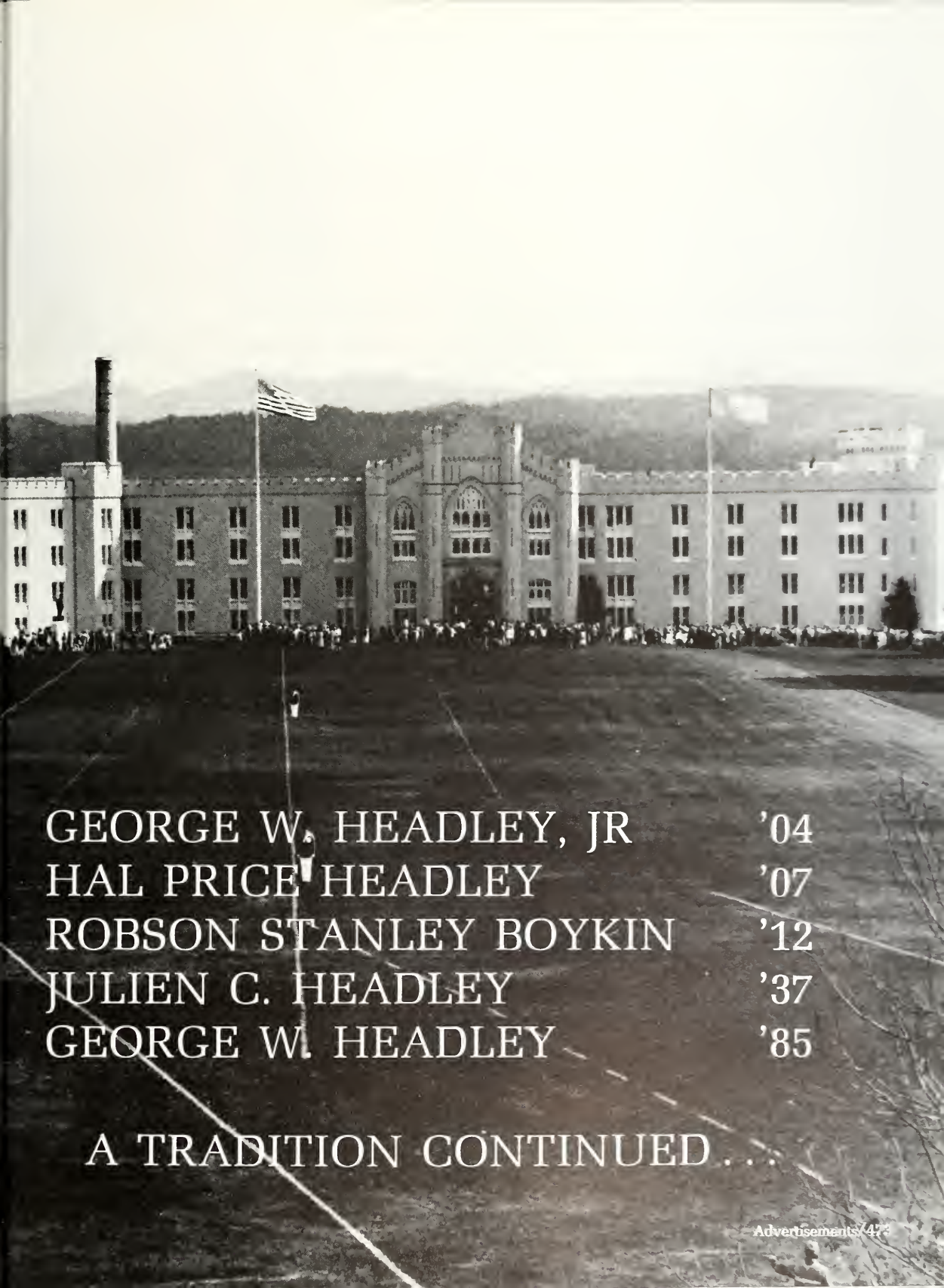
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One-liners from the year . . .

Penguin lust is wholesome.
God Save The Tyrant-in-Chief.
When are we going to Hollins.
YOUTH FOR REAGAN
Nice parking place Headley
Get OFF the phone.
Wright—Kick the rabbit habit.
George—It's what's her name.
Nic fit anybody
Gimme a light
Where the . . . is my desk.
Opening hop pictures in yet?
ENGNGH!
Which Mike . . . Which George
Steen—Dangerous letter opener.
BRAIN CELL
Call 703-463-9513 for . . .
Nudge, nudge, wink, wink
Wright—Are there ANY pictures
Where's FRUMP now guys
Friday Night Poker Club
Preston old bean.
Stevie, How's Chuck?
Yes John, Yes John, YES JOHN
If you can't teach gym, be a marine
Brian, grow some hair.
Is that coffee pot authorized.

I have tried to encapsulate some of the funnier moments of the year in the one-liners. For although there were many times when the staff was working too hard for long winded humor the spontaneous wit kept us all going.

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